



And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick

Luke 9:2

DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS,

SEPTEMBER 2026

Thank you all very much for your faithful prayers and support for us here in Soroti, Uganda. We are grateful for your partnership in the work the Lord is doing.

SOROTI ORPHAN ASSISTANCE PROJECT (SOAP): On September 14, the last term of the school year began. We currently have 60 children in the Primary School and four people in our Vocational Program, both located on the SOAP property. Our greatest prayer is that each of these children will come to a clear saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Alongside that spiritual burden, our educational goal is to help prepare them for a future where they can provide for themselves and, Lord willing, for their future families.

In past years, much of the emphasis in Uganda has been placed on higher education through Secondary school and university. While education is certainly valuable, we have seen a difficult reality: many young people graduate with certificates or degrees but have no practical skill and cannot find work in their chosen field. This has partially contributed to a serious unemployment problem.

For that reason, we believe vocational training can give these young people a more practical path forward. A trade gives them a skill they can use immediately after graduation and opens the door to honest work, personal responsibility, and greater hope for the future. This year, we were able to reopen our Vocational Program with training in Construction, Welding, and Catering/Cooking. We are thankful to report that it is going extremely well. Please pray with us that the Lord will use this training at SOAP not only to help them earn a living, but also to shape them into responsible young men and women who will honor Christ and share the Gospel wherever He may lead them, in Uganda or beyond.

MINISTRY UPDATE: On September 13, just twenty minutes before people, and our orphans, would have begun entering the church building for the evening service, approximately 80% of the ceiling collapsed onto the pews and floor. We are so thankful to the Lord that no one was inside the building at the time. Had this happened during the service, there could have been severe injuries, especially to the children, and even the possibility of lives being lost. This ceiling was installed just five months ago.

The assessment from local engineers pointed to two main problems: inadequate support in the wooden framing, and excessive weight of the cement ceiling. The engineers also recognized that the boys' dormitory ceiling is also at risk of collapse as it has the same type of construction. We immediately moved the boys out of the dormitory and into the new children's church building, where they are now sleeping temporarily. Needless to say, this has been quite a discouraging situation.

Please pray for wisdom as we determine the best and safest way to reconstruct these ceilings. We are very thankful for the Lord's protection and want to make certain that any repairs are done properly so that the children can once again live and worship in these buildings safely.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Salvation of additional orphans before this school Term ends in December.
- For our vocational students to learn and thrive in their chosen fields of study.
- Safe and successful reconstruction of the church and boys' dormitory ceilings.
- Spiritual growth, via our discipleship program, for all our orphan believers.

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The view to the rear of the church



The view to the front of the church