

# JESUS FILM MINISTRIES UGANDA



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**Thank you very much for taking your time to pray for us, really appreciate you.**

We read that God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea....Psalm 46:1-2. Now is time to live it. The COVID-19 came so fast that many communities were caught unawares and have gone and continue to go through severe pain and suffering. People in urban places and remote villages of Uganda hardly receive any income and their lives are adversely affected. In most of Uganda the suffering is aggravated by a number of other problems. The people on the islands of Lake Victoria for example, are faced with rising water level of the lake from heavy rains. Their grass thatched homes, some church buildings, property and gardens have been submerged and boats destroyed. Their lives are threatened by lack of shelter and food and not only the pandemic but a possibility of outbreaks of other diseases. Tough measures on fishing methods on the lakes greatly limited their certainty of a fish meal. Children, nursing and expectant mothers, the elderly and the sick were all threatened. People on the rural mainland are severely affected by closure of community markets. This is where they would normally sell their agricultural produce and buy essential commodities for their homes.

## **Jesus Film Ministries Intervention**

Our ministry, Jesus Film Ministries, carries out ministry in the very remote villages and also urban communities of Uganda and South Sudan. During this lockdown we are sending food and other support

through Pastors in the local communities. Pastors identify needy persons and we send food on the needy person's phone. We receive numerous desperate calls for help from the villages around the country and we send help as we can but are overwhelmed and heartbroken because calls are too many for our family or ministry to respond meet. We do not get discouraged, we lift our eyes to The Lord where our help comes from and trust Him to provide and He does. We have sent and continue to send help to villages around the whole country. We ask whoever is touched to give to respond to this appeal.

The relief we have given has been an answer from The Lord, a miracle, provision in the time of need, help from a friend, an expression of the love of Jesus, reason to laugh, an answer to prayer and so many things to so many people. We have sent relief to people in Kampala, Wakiso and Mukono districts of Kampala Central region. We have helped those on islands of Buvuma district on eastern part and Kalangala district on the western parts of Lake Victoria. We have sent relief to three sub-counties of Masaka and Lwengo districts in district in southwestern Uganda and Kasanda district (formely part of Mubende district) in central Uganda. We have sent food to Agago district in northern, Bududa district in eastern and Kiruhura district of western Uganda.

#### **Feedback from recipients.**

We are being flooded with responses, written messages and calls to say how very grateful recipients are for what is given. They are thanking The Lord and whoever has been so kind to respond to their plight. Parents with young children have got helped. A widow and mother of five called to say that her youngest son, a six year old, had gone into a long thanksgiving after their family alter. When she received relief the following morning they knew it was what the boy was thanking The Lord for. After a few days, however, she was thrown out of her house for failing to pay house rent. She and the children stayed in a tin kiosk. We talked to one kind Christian who has allowed them to live at his unfinished house for at least six months. Betty, a widow from Lwengo district says she and others had gone into fasting and prayer for The Lord's intervention. As soon as they finished their prayer the relief arrived. Josham says some people had become so poor that many could not as much as afford salt. To these, the relief is a miracle from God. Godfrey sent a message, "...The Lord has taken away our captivity, we are like those who dream...indeed He has put laughter on our faces. I cannot believe this has happened to me, we must be dreaming..." Asaph, a person with disability and cobbler was in severe desperate need of food and medicine as he could no longer work and make any income. Our gift delivered via his phone was a pleasant surprise. Mataki in eastern Uganda says no one has shown him such great kindness in the 30 years of his salvation. Jesus Film Ministries delivered the relief on his phone. Wamayosi was scheduled for surgery that day but did not have the required funds to pay the hospital bill. That morning the 'miracle' arrived on his phone. We sent it for food but The Lord knew the exact need.

Pastors continued to serve The Lord during the restriction due to COVID-19. A number have put simple public Address systems on the church buildings for preaching the gospel in their villages. Pastor Edirisa of Sese Islands leads the residents on his island in Sunday and mid-week services. Many Pastors wish to have these systems but cannot afford them. We are trusting The Lord to provide these.

## Prayer requests

- For two wooden boats for outreach to and travel among churches on the eastern and western sides of Lake Victoria. Each boat is about \$1300.
- For Public Address Systems for Gospel outreach in communities by Churches, particularly during the restrictions. We need a minimum of 100 sets and each set is about \$280.
- For Radio Broadcasts to communities. These have been very helpful during this time of lockdown. We have one (30 minutes daily) running daily in Southwestern Uganda but wish for two on The Islands, and one each of eastern, northern western and central Uganda. Each of these costs \$200 monthly.
- For relief to communities. The need is still great and we request your prayer and every support for so many who are still in suffering. There is a lot of need from the people of northern, eastern, western, and southern (the islands of Lake Victoria) and central Uganda. The restriction and a long lockdown continue to inflict a lot of pain to the communities around country but we are grateful that The Lord cares.
- For a shelter (simple building) on the ministry property on Buvuma Island for a meeting place for churches on Buvuma Islands.