

IGANGA KIDS MAY 2017 REPORT

In the Mighty Name of our Lord Jesus Christ we greet you and thank you for the work you're doing and the support you give us on behalf of the children we say God bless you abundantly.

1st week

People started harvesting some little maize despite it being affected by the army worm but even if hunger is still striking, at least they have something little to put in the stomach

However the children got their report cards and most of them performed well some average and those who failed completely were punished a little and promised to perform well the following term and those on average we advised them to work so hard to score better marks, we also encouraged them who performed well to continue and not relax

We managed to visit around 20 homes, seven in Buwongo, seven in Naitandu and six in Wansimba village and most of the homes were welcoming us with maize with a cup of tea without sugar because the prices of sugar are as high as 6000 shs per kilogram which used to cost 3500 Uganda shillings,

one of the homes in Buwongo we found only children and their mother was not there reason being she was taken by her brothers for proper treatment and left the children alone in the home, hungry and without any help we gave them some posho flour, beans, soap and medication because they were sick.

We also talked to our children on how to behave and to help their parents with work at home. Some children come around for some medicine to treat cough, malaria and headache. Altogether we treated thirteen kids and seven guardians.

2nd week

We managed to visit 32 homes and these included Bunalwenyi, Nanvunano, Waibale and Naitandu village, they were doing quite good but some were sick like one of our guardians in Naitandu the father to Namudu Asia we gave him medicines as well pray that he gets well in Jesus' Name.

Most of the children we found in homes were helping their parents with garden work. We also visited those we gave seeds to plant but some are doing well and some are not due to inconsistent rains and too much sunshine. We felt encouraged when we came across on one of the guardian's garden full of egg plants. According to him he is about to start harvesting. For him he is privileged since he planted in the swap.

89 children come around for the week end camp we had a one on one talk and they shared with us their stay at school and advised them accordingly. Most of the stories they shared with us was about too much stealing.

They did some communal work, had games had lunch and there after we had devotion, we gave them soap, girls asked for new pads because the ones they were given were won out and we didn't have to give them but we improvised and once again taught them on how to use them properly. We also realized that we need to give them handkerchief since they keep using the pads as handkerchief as well as pads.

We registered some 20 children who were sick and all were given medication. We also had to give out some food to ten families during our visitation.

3rd week

In this week we visited 29 homes but most people were busy in their gardens weeding maize and clearing the gardens for the next planting since they were eaten up with army worm. To some families they have some matured maize and they prefer selling them fresh which is very dangerous since they would miss out on dry maize for flour. We did warn our guardians not to sell their little maize they have. To some they hearkened while others didn't just because of the situation so many commodities are costly yet they need them. Things like sugar, cooking oil, salt among other things.

We registered six guardians and some other eleven people who came for medicine to treat malaria, headache and stomachache because it is still hard for them to get money for even just **medicine**. Some of these guardians weren't sick but are just puzzled with the situation now since the holy days are over and they don't have money for taking the kids back to schools. Most of them they have

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balances from first term and the second term is at hand. At least five families received food.

Martha continued with her motorbike training and she is greatly doing well.

4th week

In this week we had the primary children around on Monday just to talk and encourage them to study well, read their books for better performance, we also went through their reports one by one to show them that there is need to perform well.

They shared with us their challenges one of the challenges was hunger of which advised them to be patient with the little they have at their homes, pray and believe God for plenty.

On Tuesday we had the secondary students and it was the same story; we told them to take their education so serious and not to be deceived around by men or women. Some many girls are being deceived by men. This heartless men buy them chapatti in exchange for sex. We had a mature man who has been jailed for these practice.

We heard the guardians on Wednesday, we encouraged them to encourage their children, love and visit them while at school even there is nothing they are taking for them but at least to see how their children are fairing and by so doing the children will be encouraged hence good performance. We were happy to receive the secondary kid's report cards since it showed that there is a great improvement in performance. This is a result of having them in the hostel. All of them the score was above average except for two. For the once in semi candidates had first grade which we encouraged them not to sleep but to keep it up.

During our time with them we had to remind them of their ambitions and we showed them our expectations.

Prayer Request

- Provision of completion of our shelter
- Wisdom and patience while dealing with the orphans and guardians
- God's provision for food upon struggling families

- Good health
- Wisdom for our children while at school.
- Pray for orphans to be able to resist the peer influence.

Reported by Martha and Patrick