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Showers of Blessing!

Praise the Lord, God has given us nine new orphans this year! Just tonight after our Sunday evening service, two of the boys, Isaac and David, were led to the Lord by our houseparent, Okurut Paul. Kerri Phillips, who heads up the children's ministry at our Soroti Independent Baptist Church, said the boys had come forward after Children's Church this morning along with three children from our neighborhood who attend our church. Since the orphans are new, she wanted Paul to deal with them to be sure of their profession. But Kerri led two of the other children to the Lord this morning (girls who have been coming for five years since they were four years old) while one of our secondary students who helps in Children's Church led an older boy to the Lord. Lots of rejoicing in heaven today! This was so special to Kerri because today is her spiritual birthday! What a nice "birthday" present for her!

I am so glad to work with a missionary team of soul winners. It is also so special to see the orphans we have trained participate with us in ministry! One of our secondary orphans did a "Bible Club" in his village during school holiday and has started a Bible study in the school he is now attending. Please pray for our other new orphans to understand the Gospel and be saved: Timothy (David's brother), Esther and Joanne (sisters), Deborah (sister to John Peter who came last year), Martin (brother to two orphans who've been with us a few years) and Caroline. We try to get family groups. We are short-handed just now at school with some teachers out because of medical situations. We've never been so short-handed. Please pray for us as we all have heavy loads just now.

We also had a child, Andrew, saved at my Ladies' Bible study in Asuret village. Village Bible studies are interesting that way. We are mostly old disabled ladies, but since we meet under a mango tree, we never know who might show up. Please pray for Andrew; he was abandoned as a baby and has been raised by two of the ladies. He is now about nine and gets in lots of trouble and is not doing well in school. He came to our Bible study to pray for wisdom.

We are still having famine here, but I have been able to buy and share around 1300 kilograms of food (God bless you for your faithful support). That is more than 2600 pounds. It sounds like a lot, but the need is greater than that. Three of the churches we have planted in villages distributed the food for me. We have finally started to get rains, but since the famine is countrywide, it is expensive to get seed, and it will be months before harvest. I helped another pastor with food in one of the villages this weekend and he showed me a small garden his brother helped him plow with bulls and another smaller garden his family was digging by hand. He has planted sorghum and gnuts (peanuts) and is going to try to find sweet potato cuttings and cassava cuttings but said they were scarce. I was very humbled when I was ready to leave and he asked me to wait because his wife was roasting gnuts for me to eat since she knows I like them!

Pray for the rains to be just right.

May God Give a Good Harvest of Souls and Food!

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