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MISSION REPORT

“You don’t have to know a lot of things for your life to make a lasting difference in the world. But you do have to know the few great things that matter, perhaps just one, and then be willing to live for them and die for them.”

John Piper

An Arise Education

Last year, we were presented with the opportunity to demonstrate educational excellence through the school of a local partner. This was warmly welcomed by Terry and I as well as Children Arise.

“You can't build a great building on a weak foundation.” Gordon B. Hinckley

As a result, we have been engaged with this partner for a number of months to help build capacity. While the organization is bearing fruit, there were several areas that we were able to contribute to. Working closely together has strengthened the foundations of our relationship and also the foundations of the organization.



ARISE EDUCATION

**“Too often we give children answers to remember rather than problems to solve.”
Roger Lewin**



As Children Arise works to develop its own capacity to engage with this partner, it has become clear what needs to be undertaken here on the ground. The Profound Learning education system can transform information delivery to knowledge discovery, but we first need teachers that are properly prepared to lead.

“YOU CAN’T TEACH WHAT YOU DON’T KNOW, AND YOU CAN’T LEAD WHERE YOU WON’T GO!” - JESSE JACKSON

We need to create a training program and begin delivering strategy, tactics and methods for Profound Learning delivery to teaching staff. Over time, Uganda needs to build the capacity to teach educators how to become designers of learning opportunities.

It is our goal therefore to create a workbook and design our first workshop to teach Profound Learning locally in 2020. This course would then be improved through live delivery of the workshop to teachers at our partners local school. We have the time to invest in this foundational work and our recent partnership has provided the opportunity for this work to occur.

ARISE EDUCATION

“To make a difference in someone’s life, you don’t have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful, or perfect. You just have to care enough and be there.”

Anonymous



Of course nothing worthwhile comes without a certain level of complication. As our plans to create a training course for teachers began to move forward, so did the COVID-19 Pandemic.

“IF YOU CAN FIND A PATH WITH NO OBSTACLES, IT PROBABLY DOESN'T LEAD ANYWHERE.” - FRANK A. CLARK

March saw all the Ugandan schools close and international travel become impossible. We expect this will have a negative impact on our timeline as the world struggles to control this virus and return to normal.

The opportunity to attend a 5-day Profound Learning workshop in Canada in just a few months was fortunate and timely. Given the COVID-19 Pandemic, it remains to be seen if this event will be able to go ahead as planned and international travel will be possible for me.

We would be fools to believe that everything was under our control, but our eyes remain fixed on our goals!

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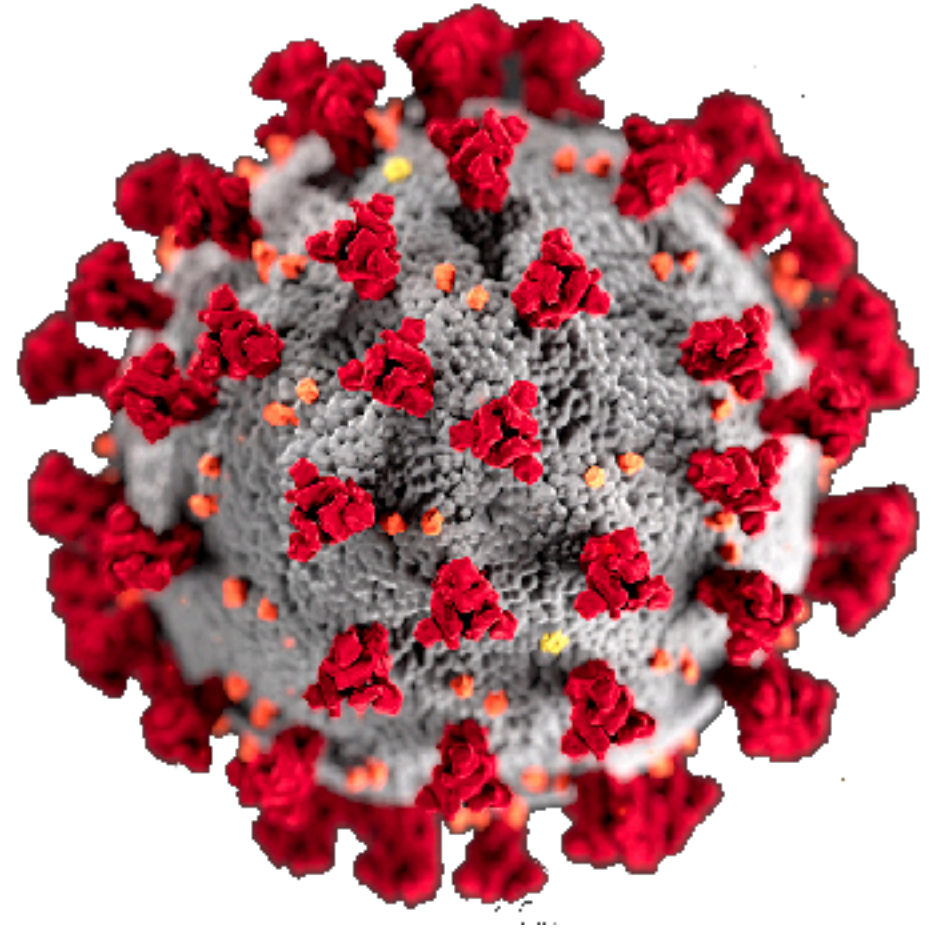
**“It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer.”
Albert Einstein**

PANDEMIC UGANDA

As COVID-19 swept across the globe, Terry and I were not surprised to see African infections lag behind the developed world. This is likely due to the reduced amount of travellers heading to undeveloped countries. Still, we knew that this would not stop the spread into Uganda so we began to prepare.

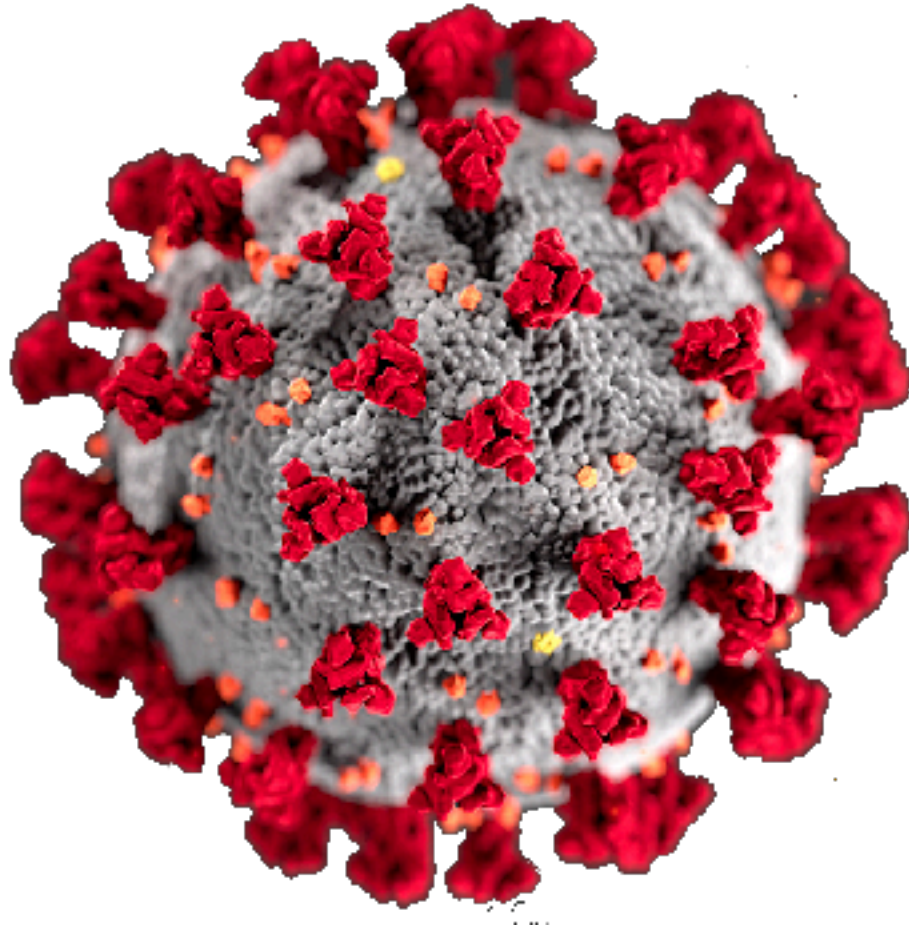
Thankfully, the Ugandan authorities were also watching developments and seem to have taken effective precautions at an early stage. They have minimized infections in Uganda (so far).

Today, we are living in isolation. This is not a huge issue as Terry can continue to home-school the kids and a lot of my work is online at this time anyway. We were able to get groceries and other important supplies home before restrictions took effect.



CORONAVIRUS

**“Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear.”
Ambrose Redmoon**



Ugandan authorities closed the airport several weeks ago along with schools and churches. Since then, the land borders, all retail shops except food markets, and most government offices have been closed. These closures had the effect of creating a massive migration from the city into the villages.

Transportation in the city was first restricted by eliminating taxi's and boda-bodas (small bikes). Then all unauthorized transportation was stopped and a curfew was enacted.

Today, the city and its markets are available to those who need food, but only by foot which will have the effect of keeping people close to home.

As I write this report, Uganda has only detected 52 cases of COVID-19 and has reported no deaths. We have the ability to test but the capacity of testing may be low. I assume the strategy is to reduce cases until real treatments exist but this is just my guess.

Our family meets to pray together each night at 8:PM. We are praying for our community, Uganda, our home country Canada and the rest of the world as we all face this serious threat.

CORONAVIRUS

**“He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”
Deuteronomy 31:8**

JOSHUA DEMBE KAKANDE BANIMAN

The entire Banman family is so happy to finally announce that Joshua and Grace have finally been legally adopted. This was a late Christmas present.



ADOPTION NEWS

**“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.”
Dr. Seuss**



GRACE MUKISA NATTABI BANMAN

We are processing paperwork now to acquire the kids birth certificates and passports. Then we can go through the process of Canadian citizenship. We can't wait to arrive in Canada as a family for a visit !!

ADOPTION NEWS

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**“Why fit in when you were born to stand out?”
Dr. Seuss**