



MISSIONREPORT

2ND QUARTER 2021



FAMILY LIFE

@ THE BANMANS

Here at the Banman household the kids are on summer holidays. Their schooling hasn't been impacted much by COVID because they are home schooling so each day they wake up and go to school right here at home. They use several learning tools depending on the topic and they are doing very well.

Recently we realized that in the 2 years they have been in school this way, we have had weeks of downtime but never declared a summer vacation. As they are transitioning from one schooling system to a new one, we felt this was an appropriate time to celebrate.

At the end of July, Joshua and Grace will start grade 3 using an online education system called [Monarch](#). For today however, Joshua and Grace are having fun riding their bikes and playing in the yard and playing on the PS3. Hurray for summer vacation!

ARISE COMMUNITY

UGANDA LOCKDOWN

Health authorities locked Ugandan down in June because they were seeing an escalation of COVID cases and deaths. Ugandan hospitals are reporting oxygen shortages and also a lack of ICU beds. As a result, schools and churches have again been closed. Most businesses other than pharmacies and markets were also closed. Even mass transit was stopped and we cannot drive a personal vehicle without a special permit. Lockdown has been fairly all-encompassing and it will be in place for at least 42 days. The goal of course, is to stop the escalation of COVID cases.

Our family was prepared for this and stocked up on food staples. The kids can also still play safely in our yard. For the mamas we work with however, things are more complicated. These families are trapped in a slum community where people live in close quarters and there are less precautions taken. Most families in our community live in a 10'x10' room. Then they interact with others in the community. Unfortunately, if COVID gets a hold in Kosovo, it will be a huge issue that is hard to stop.

As business has been stopped for our families, Arise has provided food and coached mamas not to spend their business capital. We will be working with the families through this time to be sure they can restart business and build a good future once COVID restrictions are lifted.





ARISE EDUCATION

WELCOME PETER

I want to introduce you all to Peter Stell. Peter has joined the Children Arise team here in Uganda and we feel very fortunate to have him with us.

Peter is a UK citizen married to a Ugandan lady (Sophia). He has also been working in Ugandan education for a number of years. Peter and I have been friends since he came to Uganda and we have worked together on several projects.

Today, Peter is taking a primary role in the Arise Education program. Peter is gaining Profound Learning knowledge and creating a manual that Arise can use to train Ugandan teachers. We hope that by the end of 2020, Arise will be in a position to teach about Profound Learning and start creating interest at a grass roots level.

I am encouraged to see the team on the ground here in Uganda growing. Peter will add a lot of value to our mission here. Welcome to the Arise team Peter !!

"Sticks in a bundle are unbreakable."

– Kenyan Proverb

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT

OUR REALITY

Did you ever stop to consider that the Banman family can only transform lives here in Uganda if people like you partner with us. We find that people are often willing to support our work, but forget that the family needs to support themselves as well. Perhaps you would be willing to contribute and support us in some way. As little as [\\$25 A MONTH](#) makes a huge difference to us here on the ground.

Thanks to all of you who generously support our family. You are enabling our children to thrive too!

Don't Forget !



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