



Monthly Snapshot
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Behind the Scenes Laying the Foundation for Success

After a successful 2019, our teams were ready to hit the ground running in 2020. While the stats for January may not seem so exciting all on their own (after all, we've just begun), God has been moving mightily through our programs. We can't thank you enough for your continual prayers and giving. Your faithfulness and support have not gone unnoticed by our teams in Africa and the recipients of our programs. And we're just getting started!

Like all good work, there's a time to lay the foundation, and there's a time to appreciate the finished product. Last month was a time of preparation as our teams identified unreach ed or underserved communities, planned new operational areas, monitored health situations, and touched base with communities we've partnered with over the years.

Along the way, we met some incredible people. Their stories shine some light on the important details of our programs. Stay tuned over the coming months – we think you'll find that this month of behind-the-scenes work will produce some unbelievable results, thanks to YOUR faithful partnership.

Embracing Motherhood

When we first met Ajidru Monica, she was in the earliest stages of her pregnancy. She and her husband were so excited about their first child, but she felt unsure of how to prepare – after all, nine months seemed like a lifetime away, and she could learn from other experienced mothers in her community. She was aware that some babies and mothers did well through labor and delivery, while others faced life-threatening complications. But as far as she knew, it was all up to chance.

Monica told us, "Before I attended the training last year, I didn't visit the maternal health clinic regularly. In fact, I never took prenatal care seriously, and when I decided to go, I would not go with my husband." She wanted the best for her baby, but she was skeptical of the clinic's ability to help.



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It's easy to report back with numbers on our well drilling operations, but another integral part of our programs is maternal and infant health. While drilling wells and holding health sessions, we're able to meet with new and expecting mothers and provide the support they need to make healthier choices for themselves and their babies. We assist by locating nearby clinics and facilities that offer medical care, and we explain the importance of immunizations with remote communities. With an average of about five births per woman in Uganda, maternal and infant health is a top priority (World Bank)

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91
Mothers Attended
Prenatal Care Clinics

18
Hospital Births

1
New County
Approved for Drilling

That all changed when she met with our team and began attending maternal health sessions. Monica learned that prenatal care and hospital care play vital roles in both her and her baby's health. The reason that so many babies and mothers fell ill during pregnancy and soon after birth was because of the lack of medical care.

Later, she admitted, "I learned that it's important for an expectant mother to attend prenatal clinics regularly with her husband. I began visiting regularly and eventually gave birth at the hospital. After birth, I continued going to the clinic for checkups."

Now, Monica keeps up with routine immunizations for her adorable baby boy – who is healthy and happy!

"Thank you so much for this important training that you gave me and other pregnant mother in my community. The knowledge we received has greatly improved our health!"

Ajidru Monica

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A New Generation of Leaders

After the many exciting graduations, we're proud to say that a new group of leaders is rising up. 87 Academy Alumni returned to their respective universities for the spring semester. Over the winter break, 21 current LASS students attended a two-week intensive workshop to prepare them for upcoming practical examinations. We're so proud of their hard work!

Meanwhile, we're getting ready to equip even more leaders as we distributed over 400 application forms and received back 225 applications for the 2020 Academy recruitment process! We can't wait to see where God leads in this search.



Youth Running Club

We're excited to announce a new youth ministry opportunity that began last quarter: Youth Running Clubs.

Through Youth Running Clubs (YRCs) we engaged with 15 partner churches to focus on the physical, mental, and spiritual wellbeing of students. Groups met with their coaches for a 45-minute exercise, team building activities, and Bible study.

The goal is to give students an athletic outlet and safe space to share their stories, learn about Jesus, and find redemptive love in God. They are encouraged to identify their own God-given strengths while learning to appreciate the talents God has given other people around them to promote unity. Read more about the clubs in our last Quarterly Report.

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Equipping Disciples

At first, Agnes thought that her faith alone would be enough. But overtime, life got hard, and the Bible seemed like an impossible code to crack. So, she fell into the same pattern that most of her community followed: wake up, take care of the family, do your work, and live a quiet life. However, something inside told her this wasn't all she was meant to do.

One day, she attended a Discovery Bible Group that had just started in her community. She was curious about what they had to say, and the message was just for her. How life in Christ is abundant and full of purpose. The key to finding that kind of life, is God's Word.

After a few more meetings, Agnes learned what was missing in her walk with God: "I used to not read God's Word, but today, I am able to spend time in prayer and prepare adequately because the people in my Bible group depend on me to be disciplined. I can also memorize scripture and feel empowered to overcome temptations and challenges... I keep growing spiritually day by day, which is something I never thought would happen."

Agnes didn't just join a Bible group and attend when convenient, she went all in. Actively participating in trainings offered by 4africa's Disciple Making Movement, and she proudly answered the call to be a leader.

She explained, "I thank God for Discovery Bible Studies. Many people in my community never attended church, but now, they are fully engaged in our Bible groups. My prayer is that the Lord leads me to more people and grants me boldness and confidence to disciple others. I want to see my entire community in relationship with Jesus Christ."



What more can we say than, "Amen, Agnes!" Will you join us in praying for Agnes and her community? Your monthly partnership ensures that our ministry leaders have what they need to continue developing Bible groups throughout all zones of the refugee settlement as well as in unreached communities in northern Uganda and South Sudan. Thanks to you and the power of God, there are now 15 new Bible groups meeting weekly in communities that didn't exist last month!

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15

New Discovery
Bible Groups

75

Introduced to
the Gospel

40

Bible
Leaders Trained

Will you PRAY with us?

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We pray for expecting & new mothers in the communities where we work. We pray that they would seek out the best possible care & feel compelled to take advantage of the resources available. We also pray for few complications as we move into a new operational focus area – more communities equal more wells and more introductions to Jesus! Praise God!

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We thank God for the continuing cycle of godly leadership. We pray for our alumni returning to their universities, current students preparing for upcoming exams, and future students who will make up the next class. Give our recruitment team wisdom and discernment during the application process.

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We pray for bold community leaders like Agnes who feel called to go out and make disciples. May our ministry teams prepare & equip them as they form more Bible groups.

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