



The Linda Project

A child has the right to be a child!

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Dear friends and other interested parties,

Here we are again with the latest news from Lira, Northern Uganda.

The corona virus is still omnipresent. Also in Uganda.

As I wrote in the previous letter, the land is completely locked up. There is a curfew, the schools are closed, wearing mouth masks is mandatory, as well as keeping 1.5 meters distance. No events are allowed, the churches are still closed. Fortunately, public transport, adjusted, has been restarted. Repatriation flights are carried out to bring stranded Ugandans home. This is taking a long time, as everyone must be quarantined for 14 days after arrival, in a facility designated by the government, at their own expense.

The infections that are there are mainly brought in by truck drivers from surrounding countries. For a long time there was actually nothing much the matter, but the number of infections has been increasing faster in recent weeks. At the time of writing, there are now 1,500 infections, 13 deaths and 1,142 recoveries. (on a population of 42 million)

Everyone hoped that the schools would reopen in September, but there is no news about this yet.

All our children have returned home since mid-March. They are quite bored, although Morrison makes them do homework every morning, so as not to forget everything. Fortunately also that **Janet**, our housekeeper, is there. She has an essential profession and is therefore allowed to come and go by bicycle. Even without my physical presence, everything is fine. We have a lot of contact via video calls and whatsapp.



Janet

You will also find a contribution from our administrator in Lira, Morrison Okello, in this letter. We are proud of him and of Janet, as caretakers. They are doing a fantastic job!



The locusts are still around in North-Eastern Uganda. Fortunately for us, they passed some 20 km from us.



Lira City

Then there is big news. Despite the measures, Lira was promoted to city! Finally.

This means that more facilities will come, such as tarmacked roads and industry.

The children take turns doing the dishes. This time it was Nancy and Fina's turn. Fina keeps on growing, Nancy stays small.



Fina and Nancy

The residents of House of Hope.



Last row: **Fina, Isaac, Sarah, Lamech and Jimmy.**

First row: **Nancy, Mirriam, Yubo and Jonathan.**

Not on the photo, but also present: Absolom, Joshua, Gad, David, Kizito, Dinah, Ivan and Bonny.



Hello, I am called **Okello Morrison** age 25 years old and I am working with Linda Foundation as an Administrator.

The deadly corona virus has spread around the world because there is no drug or vaccine for the disease, lockdown was the only option with many countries, when we first heard of the Corona virus we were all very scared thinking the world is coming to an end, this lockdown was my first such experience where I had to stay home for such a long period. The moment I heard of the lockdown I knew our kids would come back home and I was very happy because at home they would be very safe compared to school and on the other hand I thought kids would misbehave and disturb me but I prayed to God to help and guide us through everything and am very happy my prayers worked, God listen to me.

You know it is not an easy thing to wake up in the morning and just sit at home up to the evening, so me, Janet and Absolom came up with the guidelines and daily activities to be done by kids and everyone at home to make life easy for all. In the morning when they wake up, the first thing they do is to pray to God, lay their bed, brush and everyone come to the dining for breakfast, then after breakfast everyone goes to read their books up to midday, after reading they rest while waiting for lunch, then after lunch we always play games like football, cards, ludo and other activities up to 6pm, then at 6:30pm is when our supper is ready and everyone report to the dining for eating. After supper the team responsible for dish washing goes for it and the rest goes for watching. Yubo and Jonathan could watch up to 9pm then they go to bed while the rest watch up to 10pm and the next day we do the same and that's how we spent our lockdown. Even though the lockdown was eased, we are still following our own guidelines and the government guidelines to keep ourselves safe from the deadly Corona Virus while waiting for the government to reopen schools and churches again.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who have been supporting and still supporting us to continue with the spirit, you are the reason our kids are eating, you are the reasons our kids are going to school, you are the reason our kids are healthy. Without God using you to extend your support to us we would be nowhere by now, we would have not reached where we are right now, thank you so much and to anyone who is willing to support us the doors are open, may God bless you, your family, your business and may He continue protecting you from the deadly corona virus. Amen. Stay safe.

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