



A LETTER TO OUR SUPPORTERS...

Hello friends,

So far, 2020 has been an eventful year for us at The Women of Pader Uganda. If you were not aware, our team visited Pader in February to meet with our Ugandan staff, purchase additional inventory, and start some new projects which we are excited to announce details on VERY soon. (Stay tuned.) During this trip, our team was made up of Cassidy, our US staff member, Sarita Stringfield, who is helping us with one of the new projects, Barry and me. We made it back to the US at the beginning of March, just before travel bans began due to the COVID-19. While we are blessed to have made it back safely and healthy, our hearts are hurting for so many people struggling worldwide due to the virus. Thank you to those who have reached out and prayed for our friends in Uganda; as COVID-19 spreads across the globe, we want to update you on how TWOPU is responding in Pader.

As of right now, there are anywhere from 18-33 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Uganda. Most of these cases seem to be travel-related, but it is likely that there will be more community-spread cases soon. Uganda was one of the first African countries to jump into action to prevent its spread, taking measures such as travel bans, shutting down schools, banning public transportation, and limiting gatherings to 10 or less. Unfortunately the virus and actions in place have caused fear and chaos in the capital city of Kampala, especially among the poor who have no possibilities for income. This also is a big concern in Pader; unfortunately pandemics affect the poorest and the sickest people.



TWOPU'S RESPONSE...

In addition to the government precautions, TWOPU's Ugandan team has been teaching children and families more effective hygiene and hand-washing techniques. TWOPU has mandated shorter hours for its employees and advised the staff and Pader Community Church community to practice social-distancing.

We will continue to monitor CDC recommendations and the spread of COVID-19 in Uganda and are prepared to follow any additional Ugandan government restrictions.

Since it seemed inevitable that the virus would reach Uganda, we are now praying that it does not spread to the rural and highly poor areas, like Pader. Without access to quality health care or in many cases having other health conditions, the virus is a dangerous threat to our TWOPU family abroad.



WE MAY BE ACROSS THE WORLD FROM OUR UGANDAN TEAM, HOWEVER, WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER. WE WILL CONTINUE TO FIX OUR EYES ON CHRIST AND REJOICE IN HOPE, BUT WE ASK FOR PRAYER WARRIORS TO JOIN US! HERE ARE A FEW WAYS WE'RE ASKING OUR SUPPORTERS TO PRAY FOR THE COVID-19 IMPACT AND FOR PADER:

1. Pray for the sick

Pray for the sick: all those across the globe who have fallen victim to this virus.

2. Pray for the vulnerable

Pray for those who are elderly, those with compromised immune systems, those who lack access to quality healthcare, and those who live in communities where resources are sparse and unprepared to handle such an influx of needs.

3. Pray for the TWOPU Team

Please pray for our team here and abroad. Pray that we would be equipped to make fast-acting decisions on behalf of the needs in Pader.

4. Pray for Pader

Pray that COVID-19 would not render a presence there. In addition, pray for people as they struggle to find food due to businesses taking advantage of this situation and price-gouging. Pray for people as they are unable to work, and therefore unable to support their families. This is a poor country and they will not be able to rely on government aid. The effects could be devastating.

**WE WANT TO LEAVE YOU WITH
SOME THINGS WE'VE BEEN
ENCOURAGED BY IN THIS
UNCERTAIN TIME...**

First and foremost, we are encouraged by the hope we have in Christ and trust that He is good, faithful, and just. He is the source of all comfort, and it has been encouraging to lean into the peace only He can bring.



We know that God moves in enormous ways even we face fear and uncertainty. In addition, we have seen people around the world helping their neighbors and making sacrifices on a global scale and it has warmed our hearts to see so many beautiful stories! We want to thank you for supporting The Women of Pader Uganda. You are faithful friends, helpers, donors and prayer warriors in the midst of all different kinds of seasons. Please rest in the knowledge that we are praying for you and your family, as well.

God bless,

Holly Williamson + The TWOPU Team

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Holly Williamson".

