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“The Gospel is good news only to those who hear it in time.”

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High School Outreach

In April, we had a mission team of eleven people from our home church come to visit us to hold an outreach to the youth of Soroti. Lawrence prepared a gospel message in the Ateso language and the group came prepared with a short drama and special music. During three days, we went to three different Secondary Schools (High Schools) in our town of Soroti. Each school allowed us to hold the assembly on the school grounds in the afternoon.



The first school was Community Secondary School which has 800 students. Because this was also the week of exams for this school, attendance was low for the preaching. Still, many students were able to hear the gospel and, praise the Lord, there were **eight students** who came forward to be saved! We were very excited about those new births, but had no idea of what was to come at the next school!



The second school was Jeressar High School with 900 students. At this school, before the group assembly, several members of our mission team were able to go into the classes. They were able to give their testimonies and talk about the importance of having Jesus in their life. In one classroom of more than 100 students, one of the men in the team spent an hour giving a detailed presentation of the gospel. About **85 students** responded for salvation! Then all the classes met together outside under some trees for a group assembly. We had rented four speakers, an amplifier and microphones which we hooked up to a generator so that everyone could hear. After Lawrence preached the simple plan of salvation in Ateso, an invitation was held. Over **120 students**

responded, showing their desire to be saved! It was a blessing to have many helpers from the mission team to talk with the students and to record their names for future follow up.

The third and last school was Soroti Secondary School which has 2,700 students. We again met under a grove of big trees. Because April is the rainy season here in Soroti, we had been praying for God to hold back the rain during these three days of outreach. However, at this school we saw some dark clouds gathering. The wind started to blow harder and it really looked like it was going to rain! Then, our generator died just as Lawrence had finished the sermon. It was challenging to give an invitation to so many without the use of a microphone, but once again, God blessed and **48 students** gathered at the front to receive Jesus Christ as their Savior! God graciously held back the rain for the whole afternoon. Later that night the rain came by the bucketfuls!



Thank you for praying with us about this outreach. We are working to set up a time to return to each school to meet with and disciple these new believers. We praise the Lord for this open door!

Prayer Requests:

- ▶ spiritual growth for the students who were saved
- ▶ guidance as we schedule meetings for our upcoming furlough
- ▶ for continued good health for our family

Praises:

- ▶ the many students who were saved!
- ▶ God blessed with a wonderful time with the group

During the school outreaches, our team distributed 3-4,000 tracts to the students. Each student was able to choose from six different tribal languages in addition to



English. We were thankful that God had burdened Lawrence's heart to oversee these translations. There is nothing like learning about the free gift of salvation in your own language!