

NORTHER UGANDA SELF SUFFICIENCY PROJECT UPDATE FEBRUARY 2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF 2023 & NEW GROWTH FOR 2024 . . . BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY.



Dearest to Christ everyone,

We extend our sincere gratitude for your love, prayers, and generous support over the years for NUSSP that made us move this far. You are all valuable and dear to our hearts and in our prayers. *Fr. Simon Menya*



Through your generosity, we were able to accomplish a lot in 2023, including building a community clinic (with furnishings and medicines) that has served over 2,000 cases. We have a full time salaried nurse (24 hours 6 days). The clinic is self-sufficient through affordable fees paid by the patients. *In 2024*, NUSSP hopes to hire a nurse's assistant and purchase a microscope.

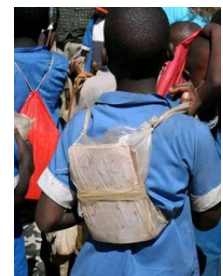
NUSSP established a modern pig farm in 2023. The 5-month piglets are now healthy and growing fast. Growing feed in our own fields adds to our self-sufficiency. Our intention is to sell some male pigs and keep females to raise more piglets. *In 2024* as new piglets are born, we will give one to each widow, empowering them in their own business venture to support themselves. Our income from the corn fields was not as expected because of rains and flooding. However, that small income together with the support from Fr. Simon's U.S. trip (September-December 2023) helped us with teaching materials to start a kindergarten school for the children of the community.



K1 & K2 started under our Mango tree!

Classes began in our very special place - where so many things have started. We are also preparing children for primary school to start next semester. These are 7-9 year old children who never entered any class in their lives and can't go back to start from Kindergarten section. We hired two qualified teachers, but will need two more teachers for next semester. These learners sit on the mats and write on their laps. Those who don't have writing materials write on the ground. We have developed a proposal for building classrooms for the kindergarten and administration block, which we will share with you soon.

There has been overwhelming support for the start of the school by the community and people in the community have started making bricks to build walls for the classroom as their contribution to the school construction work. The school shall be a day school for K and Primary. The students have breakfast (corn mixed in hot water with sugar as porridge), and lunch (beans and corn flour). Parents will contribute beans and corn from their fields to feed the children. Nicholas, who has helped and volunteered for NUSSP after completing his diploma in accounting, is again volunteering for the school as the accountant and registrar.



Once again through the generosity of a family, NUSSP was blessed to receive funds to acquire 30 acres of land for agriculture. Rice, corn, sunflower, beans etc will be planted to feed the students and fund the school over the years. This new fresh land was never farmed in over 30 years and it's situated in a remote place, but with access to main road. The area has no school, no health facility and no clean water. We are grateful that the land is fresh land and looks very fertile for farming, but will need to be cleared so that our tractor can plow it making it ready for planting in mid March. (Our future target is to have 100 acres to produce in large quantities to avoid paying taxes on our products.)

We thank you all so much for your prayers and support to me, Fr. Simon, on my recent visit to the U.S. I was able to visit many places and churches, sharing about NUSSP current work and plans to build a school for our children in our community in 2024.

We sincerely thank you so much and please consider visiting our updated website (nussp.org) and learn more about our Mission, Vision and current work. You can also read/listen to podcast about NUSSP in the News. We have also created social media pages (facebook, instagram, twitter now X, linkedin and YouTube). You can as well send requests to join/subscribe for our frequent posts for those of you on the social media mentioned above.

May God bless you all abundantly.

In Christ,
Fr. Simon
(NUSSP Executive Director)



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