

# Update from Jack Smith!

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## WHAT THE STATISTICS SAY ABOUT UGANDA FROM JACK SMITH

Statistic can speak. Look at the statistical difference between America and Uganda. If you would be an Ugandan --

- You would be 9 times more likely to have HIV/AIDS
- Your children would be 10.4 times more likely to die in infancy
- You would have 3.4 times as many babies
- You would die 25 years sooner
- You would make 97% less money and would spend 98.94% less.

### **And:**

- 55% of Uganda's population is under age 18
- There are 1.8 million orphans under 18
- 35% young women are already mothers by 18
- Malaria is the major cause of death in children under 5.
- The infant mortality rate is 76/1,000 live births (in the US its 0.25/1,000 term births).

Will you pray with me?

- That God will give wisdom as I think about new ways to empower medical student, nurses, and doctors to reach desperate people with the liberating message of Jesus Christ.
- To discover what can I do to improve the health/safety and overall life of Ugandans.
- Blessings – Jack

### **April 5, 2014 Email from Jack:**

Dear Praying Friends

Please accept my apology for this delayed update. I have been confronted with heavy work load. Currently I am teaching nine courses as well as serving as a research supervisor. Most of the week is either spent in class, in the wards, or in a counseling session.

The greatest challenge is that our yearly application to continue the ministry to Luzira Prison was rejected by the government. I am in the process of writing a new application to the Officer in Charge of Luzira Prison. Pray that the door will open.

Thank you for praying for my journey back to Uganda.

Blessings -- Jack

## **May 11, 2014 Email From Jack:**

Dear Praying Friends:

Thank you for praying. I can breathe again.

I have one course left (Introduction to Public Relations) before exams start. However, I'm running a medical seminar called, THE END OF LIFE or How to Tell People the Bad News in a Good Way. I'm also teaching an intensive courses called, "Health Psychology."

In June 2, will start Recess Semester with four courses, Personality and Spiritual Formation and Development, Counseling Special Populations, Introduction to the World of Communication and Life Coaching and Mentoring.

Thank you for praying for permission from the Officer in Charge, to renew the ministry to prisoners. I am still waiting for an answer.

Although I work in a secular government university, I have the freedom to emphasize the transforming power of Jesus Christ. As each year passes, the opportunity increases. May you also experience the joy in His service.

Blessings – Jack

## **June 24, 2014 Email from Jack:**

Dear Praying Friends:

I hit a roadblock. I cannot preach at the Nguru Remand Prison until I have an official document of understanding from the commissioner of gender. I am dealing with the government again.

At first the commissioner refused to let our organization apply. However, when the commissioner found out that, I have been working at Luzira Prison for 20 years; she was willing to receive the application.

Why is the government suspicious? There was a cult that had been working in the youth prison called "Sixty Feet Deep," and they caused a lot of trouble. However, I may receive official permission to return to Luzira Prison. This is a maximum security prison.

Currently, I am teaching four courses for the university.

Thanks -- Jack