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Luke 9:2

Dear Praying Friends,

January 2014

We thank you for your faithful prayers and support for us here in Uganda. We are grateful to serve the Lord Jesus Christ on the field of Africa.

Clinic: We were hoping to include the opening of the medical clinic in this letter, but it seems we will not quite make it. We originally wanted to open in October, but getting the building inspected took much longer than anticipated, as well as getting our medical staff properly credentialed. The story is much longer, but to spare you all the details we hope to be ready to begin seeing patients in the next week or two. We desire this clinic to be a great blessing to the community, especially in getting the Gospel out to many, and showing the people how a Christ-centered ministry can make a difference in their lives.

Praises: We recently had the privilege to baptize four believers who had been eager to follow Christ in believer's baptism. With no baptisteries in village churches, it was a long drive to Lake Kyoga and, with no sightings of crocodiles (seriously), all were very happy to follow Christ's first command of obedience, as pictured below.

Ministry: When we go soul winning at people's homes, we usually take at least an hour and a half going through the Scriptures to ensure people understand the plan of salvation. When asked to make a decision for Christ, many people say, "I will think about it" and promise that they will visit the church, but do not. A young mother, Stella, was one of those persons. We were surprised, but very happy, when she walked into church two weeks later desiring to be saved, and was led to the Lord! At times we forget it is the Lord that transforms hearts. We need only to be faithful in sowing the Gospel seed to see the harvest come in.

Church Planting: We continue on with the churches in Ongunai and Okudai. The major area of improvement is for a commitment to discipleship from the believers. Without discipleship there is no growth, and fruit that should remain does not. Please pray that the people we minister to will understand this and shall remain committed to their discipleship training and spiritual growth.

Prayer Requests:

- * Salvation for my unsaved family members.
- * Commitment to discipleship from church members.
- * For the successful opening of the clinic this month.
- * Children to be saved in Bible Club resuming February.



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We thank you again for all you have done for us while here in Uganda! May the Lord bless you exceedingly in this New Year!

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The Newly Baptized at Lake Kyoga