

And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick

Luke 9:2

Dear Praying Friends,

June 2012

We thank the Lord we have reached a full year now living in Uganda! Since our arrival on June 8th, 2011, we have experienced many joys and challenges in our transition to African life, but we thank the Lord for His mercy and grace that has sustained us.

Language: We are entering our sixth month of learning Kumam. It is going well as we can now write and translate sentences on paper using proper grammar. We will begin focusing more on comprehension and speaking and will regularly attend a Kumam-speaking church to preach, practice and perfect what we have learned in the classroom.

Praises: We thank you for praying, for the Lord granted the approval of my medical license last month! It went very smoothly without problems, and I will not be required to do an “internship” (free work) as we have been praying. This is a huge blessing as we can now search for land and begin to plan the details for our future clinic/ preaching ministry!

I met two young men recently, Bosco, a Catholic, and Wilson, an Anglican; and both very lost in their “salvation by works” beliefs. They asked many questions about salvation, but they needed to hear the Gospel and understand salvation by faith alone. After meeting only twice, they willingly accepted Christ as their Savior! It was a very happy week for all three of us as they began their new lives in Christ! I have begun discipling them and hope to see them follow in believer’s baptism later this summer. The power of the Gospel is displayed once again in the salvation of lost souls!

Life in Uganda: A young boy from a sister church in Lira, two hours from us, was brought to me after being treated in a local clinic after fracturing his elbow. He was treated with a cast, but it was put on too tightly and incorrectly. He suffered from skin breakdown of his forearm and a nerve palsy in his hand: numb and motionless. This was a routine fracture that would heal easily, but the improper casting may cost him the function of, and even the loss of, the arm itself. Something so simple and routine can become a nightmare for many patients and their families. I dressed the wounds, applied a removable splint, taught the family how to do dressing changes, and shall continue to pray for healing. This is, at times, the unfortunate reality of Ugandan medical practice.

Prayer Requests:

- * Salvation for my father and brother: Karl and Mark.
- * Spiritual growth for Bosco and Wilson, new believers.
- * To find and secure church and clinic locations/properties.
- * Healing for little Joseph’s arm: skin, nerves and bone.
- * To further our speaking competence of the Kumam language.
- * Safety and spiritual growth for our boys back in the States.



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We thank you all so very much for your faithful prayers and support as we minister to the lost here in Uganda!

Your Fellow Servants for Souls,

Alan, Elena and Rachel Sutphen

New Believers: Bosco, Wilson, and Ronald



Little Joseph with his fractured and damaged arm

