

*And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick
Luke 9:2*



Dear Praying Friends,

September 2012

We wish to thank all of you for your faithful prayers and support as we continue the work of the Lord Jesus Christ here in Uganda. We thank the LORD for our safety and good health that He has provided since our arrival over one year ago, and now feel comfortably acclimated living and serving in Africa.

Language: We continue on in our learning of the Kumam language. We meet with our “language helper” three hours daily, five days a week, and have accumulated much of the Kumam vocabulary and grammar. We will continue to work on comprehension and speaking in a fledgling Kumam Independent Baptist church about thirty minutes from our house. We will also begin soul winning in these surrounding areas, deep in the village. My goal is to preach my first sermon completely in Kumam by November!

Ministry: In this Kumam church which we attend, I preach every other Sunday. This church is located on the land of one the men in our Bible Institute. We desire to help this church, and also a second, to begin soul winning programs in their surrounding villages. We also want to begin assisting in the training of God-called men to eventually take over these churches as full time pastors.

I continue to disciple Ronald, Bosco, and Wilson on a weekly basis and hope to see them baptized when a baptismal service is scheduled in the next month or so. I am proud of their faithfulness to study, pray and maintain good testimonies despite living in a poor and often unprincipled society. Please pray for their spiritual growth so that they can begin reaching others in their own villages.

Medical: We are asked, almost on a daily basis, to assist people who are ill or injured. We have seen people with broken bones, lacerations, infectious diseases, malaria, sickle cell anemia, and of course, the dreaded intestinal worms. We count it as a great tool to be able to minister to the Ugandans’ physical health as well as to their spiritual health. We plan to begin using this “tool” extensively in the villages as we begin, this month, broad soul winning campaigns in the remote Kumam villages outside Soroti. The health care in Uganda is “free,” but the hospitals are often out of supplies and medicines, thus people frequently are not treated and continue to suffer from easily treatable diseases. Please pray that we could make an impact for Christ, not just upon the physical body, but primarily for the salvation of souls.

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Prayer Requests:

- *Salvation for my father and brother: Karl and Mark.
- *Wisdom for the Lord's choice in church planting locations.
- *Language proficiency: to preach in Kumam by November!
- *Joseph's fractured arm for healing: I will see him in 2 weeks.
- *For new believers to grow and to follow in believers' baptism.

We thank you all again for your faithfulness as we minister to lost souls here in Uganda. We truly appreciate all that you do for us!

Your Fellow Servants for Souls,
Alan, Elena and Rachel Sutphen



Kumam Village Church



Soul Winning in Kumam Village