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Dear Praying Friends,

September 2013

We wish to thank you all who have devotedly prayed and supported us in our Ugandan ministry. We appreciate all you have done for us and are very blessed to be able to carry on in the work for the Lord.

Church Planting: We are continuing to work with two churches in the Kumam-speaking villages of Ongunai and Okudai. These are mud hut type churches with thatched roofs. We rotate every other Sunday at these churches and go soul winning in these areas during the week. About two miles from Ongunai, in the village of Obutai, a group of people wished to begin a church. The father of the family was saved, but many of his children and some friends were not. We planned a trip, with our pastor-in-training from Ongunai, and spent two hours going through the Gospel with ten people. The Lord was very gracious and six of those ten made professions of faith in Christ! Their photo is below. We shall be planning a baptism for these and many others in a nearby lake later this month.

Praises: Mrs N. has made a full recovery from her emergency C-section in June, despite my assisting the surgeon on that case. Praise the Lord! My approved medical license is now ready for payment, and once done I will finally have it in my possession. This process began over a year ago, but patience is a requirement for living and working in Africa. We are grateful to the Lord for the many lessons He has taught us in this matter.

Life in Uganda: The Lord has laid upon my heart to begin a temporary clinic here in Soroti. This would be in operation until we leave for furlough in May 2014. This temporary clinic would serve two purposes: 1. to minister to the Ugandan people in body and in soul. 2. to ascertain which methods work and do not work before we construct a permanent clinic after we return from our furlough. There is much to do such as finding a building to rent, government approval, acquiring personnel, equipment, medicines, etc. We would hope to begin seeing patients by October, with the chief goal that every single patient receives the Gospel. Presenting the Gospel remains our prime directive and we shall not lose sight of this. To treat one's body and neglect the soul would be a ministry failure. We covet your prayers regarding the progress of this ministry.

Furlough: Lord willing, we plan to be on furlough May through December, 2014. If you wish to have us in to visit, please contact me to set up those dates. We look forward to seeing you all next year!

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Prayer Requests:

- * Salvation for my father and brother: Karl and Mark.
- * Growth and commitment to Christ from new believers.
- * Spiritual growth of the churches in Ongunai and Okudai.
- * Development of the temporary medical clinic in Soroti.
- * Safety for our boys, Sean and Eric, back in the States.

We thank you very much again for all you have done for us while ministering to souls on the mission field of Uganda! May the Lord bless you greatly!

Your Fellow Servants for Souls,

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The Six Newly Saved in Obutai