

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

*Luke 9:2*

**Dear Praying Friends,**

**September 2016**

We thank you all for your faithful prayers and support for us here in Uganda, East Africa. We are privileged to labor with you for Christ on the mission field for the salvation of souls.

**Ministry:** During the past quarter we ran two medical clinics, a one-day local clinic and a three-day clinic four hours south of us with a fellow missionary from Kampala. A physician from the States also participated in the three-day clinic and between both locales almost 550 people were seen. All heard the Gospel in their own dialect and twelve people made professions of faith! We have already followed up at the nearby village for discipleship with the new believers and our colleague is working to begin a church in the area where we were, north of Jinja. It is a blessing to see the numbers of people drawn to these clinics and especially to see souls saved as a result.

In July, three colleagues and myself held another weeklong Triannual Bible Institute (TBI) in Soroti with eighteen Ugandan men in attendance. We taught them through several foundational Biblical doctrines and they did well in their examinations. Often we see men fall away after discipleship studies begin due to many factors, so it is a blessing to us to see the faithfulness in attendance as many of these men travel from great distances to be present for this training.

**Life in Uganda:** Over two years ago I saw a ten-year-old boy named Matthew in our clinic. He had rheumatic heart disease and needed two heart valve replacements. We referred him to a cardiac hospital in Sudan for the surgery and he appeared to do very well. But just last month he began bleeding from the repaired areas in his heart and was awaiting a visa to return to Sudan for corrective surgery. Before he could make it to Sudan little Matthew passed away from the continued internal bleeding despite multiple blood transfusions. One of our missionary colleagues had led Matthew to the Lord a year before his surgery and we are thankful Matthew is now with the Lord Jesus Christ (**2Cor5:8**). His condition would have been easily treatable in the US, but regrettably, most people in Uganda suffer from very poor access to even mediocre health care. Please pray that we can show the love of Christ and be a blessing to help those who truly cannot help themselves.

**Prayer Requests:**

- \* An increase in salvation decisions through the village clinics.
- \* Wisdom and guidance regarding an additional ministry work.
- \* Spiritual growth for James whom I am discipling.
- \* Salvation for my unsaved family members.

Your Fellow Servants for Souls,

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Matthew (in orange), his twin, and his mother.