

The Telmans

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Answering God's call to
Uganda, East Africa*



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Well, here is the last news letter we will be sending out during our prefield ministry. We have been working towards and dreaming about this point for so long that it seems strange to actually be here. God has been so good and faithful through it all!

FAMILY: We continue to praise God for His care for our family. We had asked you to pray for an apartment & roommate for Emily. Once again, God answered above & beyond what we were hoping. We were praying, too, that Peter would walk before we left for Uganda so Emily could see it. Not only did he start walking, but the first steps all but Daddy saw were when the whole family was together. Not only did she see him walk, but she saw some of his first steps! Yes, God still answers, even about the little things!

PREFIELD MINISTRY: What an exciting month this has been! As we told you before, we had purchased our tickets for **May 23**. Our support level had risen to 79%. In just a few days' time, it jumped from there to 91%. Our mission agency requires that we have at least 90% of our support in order to go, so we were cleared for takeoff! Since then, it has continued to rise, and we are now at **96%**! What a powerful God we serve!



We just finished our last missions conference, and what a conference it was! Our sending church's former youth pastor, Jonathan Watson, took the position of pastor in December at his former church, Bible Baptist Church in Appomattox, Virginia. The people there are definitely excited to have him there, and they are excited to serve God & reach others for Him. As many of you have done, they overwhelmed us with their generosity, and were such a blessing to us! They even flew Emily in so she was able to spend a couple days there with us. It was an extra blessing to be in the conference with the Watsons, who have been good friends, as well as with Steve & Julia Griffin, missionaries to the Dominican Republic who are also friends from our sending church. Now we only have one more church meeting scheduled before our departure.

The construction on our house continues to progress. The roof is now on & they're working on finishing the inside. They think it should be done a couple weeks after we arrive. We will live temporarily in one of the orphan houses that does not have orphans living in it yet. We have our container ready to go. Please pray that God will provide smooth sailing for its quick arrival, and for a kind inspector that won't unpack the entire container, thus requiring us to repack the whole thing there at customs.



Starting to put the roof on

God has provided for Tyra Murphy, a young lady at our sending church, to go to Uganda with us for our first six months. We are extremely excited to have her go with us. She will be such an asset as she will not only help us get all our children there safely, but will also help us to be able to get settled well so we can better focus on our responsibilities there. This is yet another on our long list of prayers God has answered above & beyond what we were asking. We were hoping for someone to help us get there. Not only will she be staying longer than we had thought to ask for, but she also blends with our family even better than we had hoped. If any of you would like to donate money towards her expenses, you may send those donations to our sending church at the address below. Obviously, Tyra would be quite grateful for your contribution, as would we.

These final days before our departure date of May 23 are both exciting and hectic. We are trying to think of and accomplish all that needs to be done before we leave. We are also trying to get in plenty of time with Emily, and get together with other family and friends. Please continue to pray for us to accomplish it all, and that we will stay healthy during this time. Please also continue to pray for our family as this separation from Emily will be obviously difficult. We're thankful for our Savior's loving example, "...Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross..." (Hebrews 12:2b). Although we are sad to be leaving Emily, we look forward to the joy of serving Christ in Uganda.

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