

The Telmans

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Answering God's call to
Uganda, East Africa



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“The God of the mountains is still God in the valleys.” That song is so true, and this past month we have experienced both the mountains and the valleys.

We have asked you to pray for Pastor JJ's and Maama Leighton's son, Lucas. He went into the hospital again a few weeks ago. He had a serious chest infection that was making it very difficult for him to breathe, even on high levels of oxygen. Last Thursday, April 17, God gave him complete healing. He passed away at 12:30 a.m. our time. Please pray for Pastor JJ, Maama Leighton, and the rest of the family as they grieve. Please especially pray for strength for Maama Leighton.



Now to our mountaintop news...Mbira Baptist Church has continued to grow as more people have been getting saved and baptized. Pastor JJ did a message on salvation recently, and 16 people got saved that Sunday alone. Two more teachers have also gotten saved. A Catholic lady came to work for Pastor JJ's family, helping Maama Leighton in the home so she could devote more time to Lucas and her other duties. She got saved the Sunday before Lucas died. That afternoon, they went to the hospital for a visit. She saw some of her family members there, and was excitedly telling them about her salvation. Last Saturday we went back to the lake, and 22 people were baptized. God is good!



Bible college and Grace Christian School have been going well. The day school has finished its first term, and the orphans went back to their guardians for a holiday today. Please pray for them to be safe and healthy and for them to have the courage to stand strong in their faith. Please also pray that God would provide us with another teacher for our primary school.



Jim's been teaching carpentry to S1 boys. They made this table for the front of church.



Michelle's teaching the girls to bake & sew. Here they are making American pancakes.



The ministry gave Teacher J.B. a motorcycle to thank him for the work he did with P7 last year, helping them to do so well on their exams. He was obviously excited, and so was everyone else in church.



A wonderful problem we're now having is that we have many people that want to come to church and not enough vehicles and drivers to pick them up. Jim has started going to a nearby village on Sunday mornings to bring people from there. There is a faithful lady who comes from another village on Sundays and Wednesdays, including coming to Bible college. She can't afford to take a motorcycle taxi the whole way, so she walks part of the way & then gets a taxi. There are more that would come from her village, too. We also still have about 50 street kids that want to come here for church. Please pray with us that God will expand our "bus ministry" with more vehicles, drivers for those vehicles, and the fuel to keep them running.

Our family has been staying busy and healthy. We were blessed by a visit from friends from our home church. Our time with them went quickly, but we enjoyed every minute of it.

We thank our God for each of you, for your prayers and financial support for our family. We give God all the glory for the great things He is doing in Mbira, and remain amazed that He would allow us to be a part of it.



Easter Sunday



Easter egg hunt during Sunday school



Lornah-Pastor JJ's youngest daughter



The night before they left, we took all the orphans to Lake Nabugabo for some swimming and fun. We had a great time!



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