

The Telmans

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Answering God's call to
Uganda, East Africa



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“In God we boast all the day long, and praise Thy name forever.” (Psalm 44:8) God gives so many reasons to boast about Him & to praise Him! At the top of our list, we praise Him for more salvations and more baptisms, including a Muslim man that has been working for GRACE Project.

We have begun a new chapter of our ministry here as our teammates, Tony & Kristy Applegate, went to the States for furlough. Their final Sunday in Mbira was full of excitement as the church put on a big celebration with a dinner following the service. Government officials and members of the media joined the celebration. Please pray for the Applegates as they are on furlough and as they get medical care for Elysse.

Our ministry took a big step towards self-sustainment with the purchase of a coffee factory. The goal of the factory is to produce coffee that we can then export to the States. Also, the building for the maize miller is now finished. We are now able to save money by milling our own maize, and we are able to mill maize for the people in the surrounding villages. While this does not provide much towards self-sustainment, it does provide an outreach opportunity.



The coffee factory



The maize miller

A donation was given to purchase a coaster bus. This will help tremendously when groups come to visit. It is also being used to pick up church members. I wish we could put something in this letter that would allow you to feel the excitement at church the first Sunday they were picked up by an actual bus.



Former church bus



New church bus

Pastor JJ's wife, Maama Leighton, gave birth early in the morning of August 20 to a son named Lucus. Due to a lack of oxygen during birth, he was not breathing when he was born, and they put him on oxygen. They tried to take him off the oxygen two days later, but he stopped breathing and had to be put back on. Later that day, the electricity went out at the hospital and the generator failed to start for 45 minutes. After his breathing and his heart stopped, the nurses worked on him for an hour and had started to give up hope when, in Maama Leighton's words, "God performed a miracle." Later that day, they transferred him to a hospital in the capital, Kampala. They have done a brain scan and determined that he has some brain damage, but it is less severe than they anticipated. The doctors say it is an injury that can heal, but it will take time. He could be in the hospital for a month or longer. The medical expenses will obviously greatly exceed what they had planned for. If you would like to be a blessing to this dear family, you can send a donation to Bible Baptist Church (see address below), designated to baby Lucus. Even more importantly, we ask that you pray for baby Lucus, for his parents, for his siblings that are already anxious to have their mother and brother home, and for the medical staff caring for him.



We are very excited for the arrival of some very special visitors next week. Amanda will be returning from her summer in the States, and Emily will be coming with her for a visit. Our pastor and his wife will also be coming, along with a young lady that is coming to visit a few different ministries in Africa. We are anxious to have our whole family together again.

We continue to thank God for each one of you that supports us, both prayerfully and financially. May God bless you for your faithfulness.



We borrowed a van for our first year.
This is our new van.



Peter with a bag of sugar



Alexandria started this sweet potato plant for a science experiment & has worked hard to make it thrive.

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