

The Telmans

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Answering God's call to
Uganda, East Africa



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It's hard to believe that we have already been living in Uganda for six months! It's amazing, too, to look back at how much our living arrangements have improved. We now have running, hot water! We have fourteen solar panels that have done well to provide the electricity we need, even through the cloudy days of rainy season. We were excited when we were able to start using our washing machine, even though we had to pump water from the well & pour it into the machine. Last week, we had a pump installed that allows for enough water pressure for the machine to fill itself. With all that needs to be done, we are thankful for every convenience that provides us with more time.

At this moment, we are all healthy. Since our last letter, Jim had his third bout of malaria and Alexandria had her first. Alexandria also had a bladder infection and Michelle had something that looked like spider bites that became infected. What a blessing it was that both of these infections occurred when a medical team was here! We were especially grateful when Michelle's infection started moving up her arm, and she was able to start medication immediately. God has such wonderful timing!



The medical team stayed very busy, and our girls were excited to be able to help. A temporary clinic was constructed of logs and tarps adjacent to the church building. During the week, they treated 675 people from the surrounding villages. The people came to the church and heard the Gospel presented. Then they were given a ticket to see a health care provider of their choice.

They could choose to get their eyes checked, see a dentist, or see a medical doctor. Not only did they get medical care if they came, but they were given a copy of the book of John. One man was saved and many seeds were planted.



The week after the medical team's visit, Emily was able to come for a couple weeks with our pastor, his wife, and Tyra's parents. How nice it was to have our family all together again! We had a lot of fun while she was here, including celebrating Christmas. Of course, our favorite present was Emily's presence. As you can imagine, we were all quite sad when our time with her came to an end.

Two weeks later, we went back to the airport as Tyra was returning to the States. We are so thankful God led her to come with us and to stay for six months! She was a great help as we got settled into our new house & life. Please pray for her as she readjusts to life in the States and awaits God's plan for the next chapter in her life.



We have begun Lugandan lessons. The children are learning along with us as we practice at the table with them. It will obviously take us a long time to learn the language, and we would certainly appreciate your prayers in this area.

The school year here ends in late November, and the new school year begins at the beginning of February. Grace Christian School's end of the year program was last Friday. It was a wonderful time listening to each class perform a song and then watching the preschoolers graduate. Many of the guardians came to the program, and the orphans went home with them after getting their grade reports. A few of the guardians still have not come. Amanda has been going to devotions in the girls' dorm, and was sad when that came to an end. Since there are still a few girls here, they were able to resume devotions, and she was even able to sleep over one night. While we feel sorry for those that are still hoping their guardians will come to pick them up, we're happy to have them around.

We will be implementing some changes in this next school year. Please pray for wisdom to make the right decisions and for guidance as we hire new teachers. Please also pray for the students as they are home on break that they will make wise choices and that they will have the courage and opportunities to talk to family and friends about the Lord.

Amanda has been helping in the children's Sunday school class & has taught the lesson twice. April, the girl that's been living with and helping the Applegates, has been teaching, but will be leaving soon. Amanda will be taking over. She is very excited! She had some wonderful teachers at our home church that she admires, and she hopes to be as much of an inspiration to the students God provides her with.

We thank God for a visitor that came to church this past week with quite a testimony of how God had led him to be there, and was saved at the end of the service. There were several other visitors there as well. We are also thankful to see the people of Mbira Baptist Church growing in their love and service for God.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year full of God's blessings!

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