

## The Telmans

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Answering God's call to  
Uganda, East Africa*



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As we consider the reason for Christmas, we are reminded of how great a sacrifice Jesus Christ made when He left the splendor of Heaven to come to this lowly Earth. Over the past year, we've been asked why we would want to leave our life in America to live in a country that doesn't have all the conveniences we enjoy here. Our transition seems pretty minor when we compare the two. It also reminds us of what an honor it is to serve such a loving God!

**FAMILY:** We were able to spend four weeks in Florida with Michelle's parents while visiting churches nearby. Emily flew down for Thanksgiving weekend. We also celebrated Michelle's dad's birthday the day after Thanksgiving. Then John turned three on the 11<sup>th</sup>. What a fun month of celebrating with family!



**Grandpa and Grandma Mohr**



**John's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday**

**PREFIELD MINISTRY:** While in Florida, we presented our ministry at five churches that were all within driving distance of Maranatha Village, where we were staying. It was nice to be able to stay in the same place for that long. We met retired missionaries at several of the churches, and they were all such an encouragement.

We also were able to stop in and visit four other churches, including our former home church, Liberty Baptist Church in Sarasota. It was so nice to be able to see friends that we haven't seen in several years. We worked as youth leaders there when we were members, and now the teens we taught were teaching our children or picking their children up from the nursery. We were glad to see them serving the Lord!

We have reached **52%** of our support. We have also received additional financial gifts which we have been able to apply towards our moving expenses. Several more churches have stated that they would support us, and we're hoping to hear a definite from them soon so we can make plans for the move.

We are now enjoying three weeks at home with Emily. We are using this time to sort our belongings and start packing the items we will be taking to Uganda. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

### **Praise Report**

1. Continued increase in our support level and moving expenses
2. Good health
3. Another church scheduled

### **Prayer Requests**

1. Wisdom and guidance as we get Emily settled
2. More meetings scheduled to fill in our schedule
3. Our teammates: Applegates in Uganda, Stensaases on furlough, and Reeces on deputation

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