

The Telmans

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Answering God's call to
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“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.” (I Peter 2:2-3) We recently held a belated celebration for Mbira Baptist Church's third anniversary, which was on Christmas. What a joy it is to see the “newborn babes,” who have mostly been saved in that time, as they joyfully learn about their Savior, grow in Him, and experience that He is indeed gracious!



We were encouraged to see many of the members come out for soul-winning training on Saturday afternoons. The classes have ended, and they will now be going out on Saturdays to practice what they have learned. We were able to attend our first African baptism, and witness the baptism of six young Christians. One of those baptized was a jjajja (what they call grandparents) who had never been in a lake. She was afraid, and so was her family. They told her she would die if she went into the lake. She listened to God's command to be baptized rather than her family's voice of fear. What a lesson for her and what a testimony for those in her family and village!

For several reasons, we brought most of the children from Kyotera to Mbira this year. We now have 80 children in the orphan boarding section of Grace Project in Mbira. They have adjusted very well. While it is very busy here, it is much easier to give all the orphans the care they need now that they are all in one location.

After the orphans from Kyotera arrived, the church was completely full. The need to expand the church building was obvious. We are also anticipating church growth as the church members are excited about reaching their neighbors with the Gospel. Pastor JJ asked for people to volunteer to purchase different materials for the expansion. We were amazed as these people with so little were enthusiastically offering to purchase the necessary materials. These people have obviously learned that God loves and blesses the cheerful giver. The building is now longer, wider, and higher. What a difference! We are anxious to see how God will fill the new space.





We are looking into the possibility of building a windmill pump to allow irrigation of the project's garden through the dry season. While it will be beneficial in growing our own food for the children, we are also looking at using it as a teaching project for the boys here by having them help to build it. This will cost approximately \$1,000. Please pray for God's guidance in this project. If you would like to contribute to the windmill pump, you can send your donation to our church at the address in the box below and designate it for Mbira windmill project.



The garden

Our family has had a long streak of illness starting in January. Four of us have had malaria. Amanda had an amoeba, UTI, and gastroenteritis all at the same time, starting just a couple days after she recovered from malaria. Peter had a horrible cough, that many of the children here also suffered from. At night, we could hear the coughing throughout the dorms. The rest of our children, by God's grace, avoided the seemingly very contagious cough. We are now dealing with sinus issues and coughs, which is at least a bit more familiar to us. Please continue to pray for our health, and for wisdom in dealing with health issues.

Emily started a new job, and is now working closer to our church and those we know in that area. We are excited for her to be with coworkers that love the Lord and care about her, and to be near the strong support system she has in Hendersonville. Please continue to pray for her as she adjusts to her new job and for her continual adjustment to her family living in Uganda.

We thank God for each of you, and we thank you for your support both financially and through prayer.

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