

The Telmans

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Answering God's call to
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“For with God nothing shall be impossible.” (Luke 1:37) How our gracious Lord has been proving this verse to us lately!

We recently started a Bible college, and have been overwhelmed by the excited response from the church members. Jim begins the class with an English lesson, then moves into the Bible lesson. There are usually 25-30 students in attendance, ranging in age from young adult men to elderly women. What a blessing to witness their eagerness to learn not only a new language, but also more about God's Word, no matter what their age!

The children finished their school year before Christmas. Over the holiday, we were beyond thrilled when our two male teachers that we have been praying for stood in church to testify that they had asked Christ to save them! A few weeks ago, those two men, along with 12 others, went to the lake for another baptism. Every week we have multiple visitors, most of whom are invited by church members who are reaching out to their neighbors with the Gospel. Christmas day was the church's fourth anniversary. Many of the church members are young Christians, eagerly learning and growing in the Lord, and excitedly sharing with those around them.



Lined up to be baptized



Swimming after baptisms



The baptized and Pastor JJ

Shortly before the school year ended, our P7 class, which is our first and oldest class, took the Primary Leaving Exam. This is a major exam in Uganda which decides whether or not a student may continue on to secondary school. Our students worked hard all year, starting class early & ending late, preparing for the exam. We got the results two weeks ago, and found out that all ten students received first grades, which is similar to an A. To help you understand what a major accomplishment and answer to prayer this is, a nearby village celebrates for days when ONE student receives a first grade. They took the exam at a school in another nearby village, along with two other schools. There were a total of 67 students that took the exam, and only five in addition to our ten received first grades. The Sunday before they took the exam, the students and teachers knelt in front and Pastor JJ prayed for them and asked God for all first grades. Most would call that impossible. We now call it an answer to prayer!



Possibly the happiest we've seen Maama Leighton



Teacher JB texting to get the results



Some people in the village have been opposed to our efforts to put a fence around our soccer field because they want to continue using it. As we were finding out about the test results and celebrating, some officials came to discuss the issue with the villagers and us. God once again answered our prayers, and the official ruled in our favor! The next day, Pastor JJ hired a marching band, and we had a parade from a nearby village to the school, about 5 km. The students and many church members (once again including some of the older ladies), marched behind the band, followed by the bus and four vehicles. What an exciting weekend it was!



At the beginning of the parade



Boys riding on top of the van



On the way to Mbira



Five of the ten star students

Please continue to pray for baby Lucas. He weighs little more than he did at birth. He was having some respiratory problems lately, and they figured out that he was aspirating some of his formula. They have taken him to Kampala several times lately for more intense therapy and medical care. They advised Maama Leighton to increase the therapy she does with him at home and to take him more frequently for therapy at the hospital in Masaka. Maama Leighton keeps very busy with all her duties for her family, for the church, and for the school. Please pray fervently for her and Pastor JJ as well.

We will be starting classes this week for S1, the students who passed their Primary Leaving Exam. We will be switching them to American curriculum, and Michelle will be teaching them. Please pray for the students as they adjust to a different curriculum than they are used to and for Michelle as she teaches them.

As you can see, God has answered many big prayer requests recently. We are so blessed to be called by God to serve Him here, and we are grateful that He is right here with us. We are also very thankful for each of you who keep our family and the ministry in your prayers. What a mighty God we serve!



Three brothers that work on the grounds are very patient with our three boys when they try to "work" with them.



Alexandria's first sweet potatoes from her plant



Jim's parents were able to visit for a month. The church gave them this mat before they left.



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