

The Telmans

Jim, Michelle, Emily, Amanda,
Jocelyn, Alexandria, JT, John, & Peter
Answering God's call to
Uganda, East Africa



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We have been living in our house for one month now. Six of our solar panels are up and working. Our water tank has been up, but because of a leak we have not had running water. The plumber said this week that the leak is fixed, so hopefully we will have running water now in the house & not have to pump water from the well for all our water needs. Life is getting closer to some sort of normal!

The day after we moved into our house, Jim was struck by malaria for the second time. The following week, Michelle got it again, too. Fortunately, the malaria was less severe than the first round for each of them.

While in Kampala to renew visas & stock up on supplies, we were notified that our container had arrived at the border of Kenya & Uganda. Due to a question on the paperwork, they wanted to open it there. Since we did not want them to open it without us present, Jim went there with Tony & Pastor JJ. We have been asking for prayer regarding the container for a long time. They were able to clear the container there instead of Kampala. The inspector opened the doors, he looked at a few little things that fell out, looked into the container, and passed it. We later heard from other missionaries that clearing it at the border instead of in Kampala probably saved us time and money. Our prayers were answered above & beyond what we had asked! A couple days later, our container arrived at our house. We had plenty of help unloading it before they took it off the truck. Since there are no cranes to lift it in the village, we had to empty it first. A tow truck came out, pulled it off the truck, and lowered it to the ground. We are enjoying having couches to sit on & beds to sleep in!



Schools in Uganda run on a different schedule than in America. They start their year the end of January. They finished their second semester one month ago. Grace Christian School, the school here, just started back to school this week. Almost all the orphans went home to their guardians during the break. It was strangely quiet around here. The timing, however, worked out well to allow us to focus more on getting settled into our house.



JT was excited to ride his new bike that came in the container.



The orphans that stayed during break were watching the kids ride their bikes. The kids let them take a turn, and Jim & Amanda taught them how to ride.



Getting settled into a home here is much different & more time consuming than in the States. Jim & Tony are building more solar panels to provide enough electricity for all our needs. He is hoping to finish the electrical & plumbing soon so he can focus on the work for the ministry. We are also anxious to be able to work more on the language as fewer people in the village here speak English.

We appreciate your support in our ministry here. Please continue to pray for our health, safety, and that we will be able to finish getting settled quickly.



Pictures left to right: 1. Jocelyn & John both had jiggers in their toes. These are worms found in the soil that burrow into toes & fingers to lay their eggs & have to be dug out. Gloria, one of the orphan girls, is one of the best at getting them out. Jocelyn had 4 jiggers in 3 toes. John had 1, but screamed the whole time. Poor Gloria!
2. This is a jeri-can that we fill with water at the well. Peter's so strong that he can lift one by himself, as long as it's empty!
3. Alexandria is helping Pastor JJ's middle daughter, Linda, ride a tricycle.
4. John & JT looking out over Lake Victoria while we were in Kampala.

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