

Dear Praying Friends,

Jan-Mar 2011

Times of Trial

A couple of months ago, two tornado-like storms hit Gulu within a week of each other. They came sweeping down a road near our new house, uprooting trees, knocking over electric poles and brick walls, and tearing roofs off of buildings. Storms like this are rare, and we groaned when we saw the mess. We thought it'd be months before we had electricity again. One of the storms turned over our tent a few blocks away where we'd been holding our services. That same week, I found out I was pregnant with our fifth child, which was little of a surprise to us. It seemed like everything hit us at once; we'd just moved into our new house, and the list of things we needed to do to feel settled seemed endless.

Times of Blessing

We are so thankful the Lord strengthened us through that time. He used the storms to show us that we needed to move the church location to our new property. We'd been praying about how and when to make that transition. We erected a repaired, cleaned tent at our permanent site, and we held our first services there on December 5th. We were concerned about many of our regular attendees, that maybe they'd not come anymore because they'd have walk farther to church. However, none of those have quit coming. We are also attracting new people from this new area of Gulu. We've seen many saved in these last couple of months. Praise the Lord for His leading!

One of the people who has had to walk farther to church is an older lady named Ateda Zina. She had a leaky roof on her hut. A visiting national pastor, Pastor Oleo, challenged our people to help her out, simply because she is a sister in Christ. So the young men of our church volunteered their time to help with this new roof. Another lady, Akello Elizabeth, needed a new place to live since the land she'd just been living on had been sold. We praise the Lord that these same young men then went above and beyond the challenge and build a new hut for Elizabeth not too far from where her old one was. It is encouraging to see growth in the lives of these young men.

We've also begun reaching out into areas around Gulu. One of these places is called Acwa Ranch. About a dozen people have been saved there, and Nate has been going with some of the young men in the church each week to disciple the people out there.

On the home front, it's so nice to have more space for the kids. We had much in storage, and I've finally finished going through all that stuff. I did feel sick throughout the first couple months of this new pregnancy, but those days are finally over. We just found out we'll be having another boy. Everything looks good; he's due on June 29th.

Please find some pictures of the building projects, our new site, our Christmas drama and other things on our website at www.tellafrica.org/nswright.

Thank you for your prayers,

Nate, Sara, Andrew, Joseph, Susanna, Caleb and Baby Wright!