

## **January through March 2011**

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We rejoice that we are in the ministry. It is truly a privilege to serve here in Uganda. We are not worthy, but He is worthy and chooses to use people to do His work here on earth.

### **Death**

Death is around the Ugandans here most of the time. In the past two weeks many of our friend's relatives have died. In our mother church in Soroti there have been at least nine deaths of relatives of our church members there. They have died of AIDS, accidents along the road, other diseases, and suicide. This provides great opportunities to minister. Our fellow missionaries have been able to preach the gospel at various funerals and additionally, it forces people to think about the brevity of life. I was at the hospital here in Soroti recently to see a relative of one our friends. About one month before her husband had died of AIDS and she now was dying of AIDS. She gave testimony that she was born again and she died about three days later. Pray for us that we will have great wisdom in dealing with these difficult circumstances and that many will come to the Lord as a result of this ministry.

### **Rain**

When we arrived in country in late January it was very hot. It was near 100 degrees everyday and cooled to the mid eighties at night. It made sleep very difficult sometimes. We are thankful that we have fans. Recently it has started to rain. We are always so excited to see rain. Rain is a very happy and blessed thing here. A week or so ago it rained hard from 6:00 AM to 7:00 AM and it was wonderful. The temperatures are much lower now and we can actually use blankets at night. Most importantly, it gives the Ugandans the opportunity to plant their crops. This is vital for them. So we thank God for the rain and desire Him to send more.

### **Drive from Kampala**

Recently, we had a group from BIMBI come and help repair the roof on one of our buildings at the orphanage. They were part of the ministry called CLAIM (Christian Laymen Assisting International Missionaries). The group of ten people flew from Entebbe to Soroti using MAF (Missionary Aviation Fellowship). I was tasked with bringing the luggage up to Soroti with a pick-up truck. On our journey which was safe, we were stopped at no less than ten check points. Since the elections in February, there has been a lot of additional security. We didn't have any trouble at the checkpoints, but we had to explain that we were hauling luggage and not anything else. It made for an interesting trip.

### **Church in Serere**

We love our village ministry here. We love the people and the opportunity to minister to them. It is great to see them come to know the Lord. All children here receive religious education as part of their curriculum. It could be a good thing, but it is not. Children are taught from a very early age about the Bible, but the teaching is filled with error. So, we focus on teaching only what the Bible says and not what other churches or schools may say about salvation. Last Sunday we saw a woman and her daughter come to know the Lord and two other young men as well. My wife also had the opportunity to lead a neighbor lady to the Lord the other day. When people hear the Truth of God's Word the Holy Spirit has a chance to move their hearts. We praise His name for that.

Your missionaries in Uganda,

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