



*The Manes Family*  
*Your Missionaries to the*  
*Republic of Uganda*  
*Fall 2009*

Dear Ones in America,  
Greetings to you all! As we write this letter we are back in America for our first furlough. We arrived October 14. Time has flown by. It is hard for us to believe that we have been in Uganda for three years. God has been so good to us and we are so thankful to be missionaries in Uganda ministering to the Iteso and Kumam people. We are looking forward to coming to visit you while we are here on furlough. We are currently scheduling meetings from January through May of 2010. We want to thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts for your faithfulness in supporting us with prayer as well as finances these past three years.

The ministry at Serere Independent Baptist Church is progressing well. We have been growing steadily the past year. We recently baptized 17 new Christians and one was our son, Evan. It has been a great blessing to me personally to have baptized both of our children here in Africa. Going from house to house is our main method of building our church. We encourage our people to remain faithful, we visit people who have recently visited our church and we reach out to ones who are relatives and friends of our church people. On our last Sunday before furlough we had a special lunch for our church. We enjoyed together, beans and posho, with sodas to drink. We had a blessed time together to say goodbye for a while.

Real hunger is something we Americans know nothing about. There are Ugandans who have experienced this in 2009 and are currently experiencing it today. We and our fellow missionaries have delivered food to needy people. Many of the orphans at S.O.A.P. have relatives who are lacking food and we are helping them too. Some of our friends, who are of the Kumam tribe, have been very hungry as well. We have helped them to get some ground corn or posho and beans to take home to their families. We had learned that our friends had only been eating one meal in the evening. The children were going to school, hungry. Please pray for the rain to fall when it is needed there in Uganda. Earlier in 2009 one of the growing seasons was all but lost because of the lack of rain. Sometimes we look at rain as a nuisance, but in Uganda rain is looked upon as a great blessing whenever it comes. Indeed, we were always happy to get rain whenever it came.

Please pray for us as we are on furlough. We have a lot of travel coming and we wish for you to pray for our safety. Please pray for the ministries back in Uganda at the church in Serere and for the orphans as well. Also pray that we will learn what God has for us as we visit our families, our friends and our supporting churches here in America.

Blessings from Uganda and America,  
Tim, Beth, Kathryn and Evan Manes