



The Applegate Family

Tony, Kristy, Eliana, Elijah, Elexis, Elysse

Serving God in Uganda, East Africa

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The Applegate Family with Dr. Sheehan, the last surviving member of BIMl's original trustees

Dear Partners in Ministry,
Have you ever been in a long-distance relationship? The phone calls, pictures, and letters are all nice, but they do not compare to being together face to face. These feelings are what most missionaries go through on furlough. Being back in the States with family, friends, and supporting churches is a blessing, but it does not lessen the desire to be back with those to whom we are called to minister.

FAMILY: Sickness has reared its ugly head once again in the Applegate family. In addition to Kristy having spent several days in the hospital in February because of a huge kidney stone, Elysse spent a week in the hospital in March with bronchitis. We are learning just how weak Elysse's respiratory system is during flu season. Her disability causes tremendous difficulty with coughing up all the mucus. Praise the Lord, she is doing better now, and we have been equipped with a suction machine to help clear her airways when congested.

The Tuesday we had planned to leave for three months of travel, found us still in the hospital with Elysse, who was unable to keep up her oxygen levels. Due to the location to which we were travelling, I could leave Tennessee no later than Friday to make the meeting. We asked numerous people, including our children, to pray specifically that Elysse's oxygen levels would be up by then so that Kristy and Elysse could travel with the rest of the family. When we called the hospital Friday morning, we were originally told Elysse would have to stay until Saturday—meaning that Kristy and Elysse would have to travel separately and meet up with the family later. A few hours later, however, the doctor called and said Elysse was ready to be discharged. Praise the Lord!! Power truly belongs to God!!

FURLOUGH MINISTRY: Since there is not enough space to write details about every supporting church we reported to in March, I will give some highlights. Berean Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia, was a special blessing, as we were able to meet the last surviving member of BIMl's original trustees – Dr. Sheehan. The trip to Grace Baptist Church in Columbia, South



Carolina, was also special since we were able to stay with Tim and Sally Stevens. Tim was my high school Bible and History teacher. Eliana and I travelled to Gateway Baptist Church in Clarksville, Tennessee. They had a special party for Eliana and sent gifts and candy for our other children. Elijah and I went to Berean Baptist Church in Scottsville, Kentucky, and to Harvest Hills Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. These trips were fun father-and-child trips. Kristy and the other children stayed at her folks' house for some of these trips, but we thank the Lord that all of us were able to once again travel together for our

meetings at Central Calvary Baptist Church in West Plains, Missouri, and Friendship Baptist Church in Highland, Arkansas, as well as other churches in the Kansas City area in April. I am so thankful with how closely every supporting church we reported to has kept up with our Uganda ministry and our family.



PRAISES

- Elysse is out of the hospital.
- Kristy's blood pressure is normalizing somewhat with new medicine.
- Many souls were saved during medical clinics in Uganda.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Safety during travels
- Health for family
- Continued spiritual growth in Mbira

UGANDA MINISTRY: A group of doctors and nurses from Operation Renewed Hope travelled to Uganda and held clinics in 3 different villages. Praise the Lord for the 600 souls who professed Christ. A clinic was held in Mbira. JJ Kalanzi, leader of the church, told me it was a great boost for the community and a good testimony for the church.

Harvest season has just ended, and our large garden in Mbira yielded a good crop of corn. This will be a big help in reducing the cost of food for the orphans.

Thank you once again for your continued prayers, love, and support. We love and appreciate you.



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Above: We thank God for the Operation Renewed Hope medical team members that ministered to the Ugandan people—spiritually and physically.
Below: Building Easter Memories at Grandma and Grandpa's House

