



The Applegate Family

Tony, Kristy, Eliana, Elijah, Elexis, Elysse, Ellora

Serving God in Uganda, East Africa

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Dear Partners in Ministry,

Psalm 127:3 – “Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is His reward.” A child’s birth, no matter how many times witnessed, exudes of the miraculous. My partner Keith has helped to deliver on the steps of Mulago hospital (local hospital in Uganda). Kristy has helped to deliver by candlelight in the same local hospital. Amidst the difficult circumstances the unique births still produce awe and elation. The same feelings radiated from me as I witnessed our daughter Ellora Galine Applegate enter the world on August 5th, 2010. Even though she was four weeks early, she weighed 5# 12¾ ounces and was 17” long.



FAMILY: As someone said, “When it comes to Kristy’s pregnancies and deliveries, abnormal is normal.” This most recent is no exception. On August 5th we had a routine weekly check-up with Kristy’s O.B. and also an appointment to get Elysse’s cast off and pins out of her hand. Kristy’s doctor saw signs of toxemia setting in and



sent her to the ER for observation. I had to rush to Elysse’s appointment. At Elysse’s appointment I received the call from Kristy that they were delivering the baby in several hours. I cringed as the doctors pulled the 6 inch pins from Elysse’s left hand. Despite the gruesome cuts, the left wrist is almost in a normal position. Elysse’s doctors were very gracious to speed up the process so I could race back to the hospital in time to participate in the delivery. Praise the Lord for flexible grandparents willing to take care of our other four children. Other than Kristy hemorrhaging, baby Ellora arrived with no major complications. When we took the children to the hospital to see Kristy and the baby, little Elysse reached out to touch Ellora, then leaned her head over on Eliana/Ellora. So precious!

FURLOUGH MINISTRY: God has given us some unique opportunities to minister and new churches to join our ministry. Two churches in Florida invited us to minister with them. Grace Bible Baptist Church took us on for support, praise the Lord. Volusia County Baptist Church, which already supports us, asked us to participate in their VBS. A missionary is highlighted each year during VBS for their coin offering contest. Since we were already nearby, it was an honor to be the first missionaries to participate and talk of our ministry in person to each class participating in giving to our orphan ministries. It was also a joy to visit with an old college friend,

PRAISES

- Safe delivery of Ellora
- More people have been saved and are ready for baptism in Mbira
- Faithful support from churches and individuals

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Safety as Tony travels to Uganda in September
- Continued decisions in our ministries
- Spiritual growth of the orphans

Matt Mickey, who is now the associate pastor at Newton Baptist Church in Covington, Georgia. As always Mikado Baptist Church was a blessing. Pastors Smith and Chambless made us feel so special. It was an honor to report to them how God has blessed our ministries in Uganda, and how they have had such an integral part through prayer and financial support over the last five years.

UGANDA MINISTRY:

God is uniquely opening some doors for expansion in ministry. We will be excited to share in our next newsletter some things God is orchestrating for orphan, school, and church planting development. What a thrill to be serving God in seemingly difficult times. Continue to pray for Keith and Sally Stensaas as they hold the line in Uganda until we return in January.



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Support:

Tax-deductible contributions for the Applegates can be sent to BIMI and marked "Account # 1295/ Applegates."



Some of the orphan girls were in the wedding of church member Ssempijja James and his new bride. **Below:** Orphans in their new casual outfits

