



The Applegate Family

serving God in Uganda, East Africa

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Dear Partners in Ministry,

In the early morning hours or in a quiet moment of the day, my strength is renewed and mission made resolute by the One who is beside me every step of the way – Jesus Christ.

When I say, “God is in control,” is it just a spewed-forth spiritual cliché or a statement wrought forth from an experienced, deep understanding of my God? If it is just a phrase based on family conditioning or rote memorization, then in the moments of intense burden and seeming chaos, strength and resolution fail. I have not in any way reached a complete understanding of God, nor will I, but the Lord has built and molded in me the knowledge that He is in control in all circumstances.

Adjusting-to-Life Update

Training! Training! Training! I am not just talking about ministry, but about family, and specifically our children. Eliana, being four, is going through the “I-want-to-do-it-my-way” stage. Her mother and I are trying to make her realize that right now there is no her way, just our way. It is amazing how often I find myself reasoning and trying to reach a negotiation; then I stop and realize I am dealing with a four-year-old. The bottom line is an unregenerate young heart that needs Jesus—then discipline, not reason. Elijah is a typical 2-year-old boy with an attention span of a millisecond and a will of a lion. Elexis, the youngest, has learned to flash a charming smile in order to try to escape mom and dad’s coming correction. Both Kristy and I pray constantly for consistency in training and for the regeneration of their hearts. Please pray with us!!!

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Praises

- With the hard work of the Missions Committee at Liberty Hills Baptist Church (our sending church), we were able to raise most of the money for the land we are desiring to purchase for the orphanage.
- The exchange rate for the number of shillings to the U.S. dollar has increased.

Prayer Requests

- Negotiations on the price of the land we are desiring to purchase
- Continued language study
- Personnel needs
- Strong finish to the end of our first school year
- Wisdom in rearing our children
- Wisdom in finding 20 more orphans
- Opening of a second orphan project—Grace Christian School in Kyotera—about 20 miles from our current location



Cultural Update ~ From Kristy: I have taken Eliana on ladies' visitation with me a few times. On her first trip, we went to the local government-run hospital to hand out the Gospel of John, which has been translated into Luganda. As we neared the end of the women's ward, we had an eye-opening experience. As I handed a booklet to the lady at one bed, I suddenly heard a cry of "Omusawo!! Omusawo!! (Doctor!! Doctor!!) Looking over at the next bed (only about 18" away), I saw a family member of the patient jump up and run by. Other family members started groaning and moaning. The reality of the situation dawned upon me...the patient died as we were standing right there. Everyone in the ward was gripped by the verity of the situation. Praise the Lord, though, one of our ladies was able to win someone to Christ before we left the ward.

Ministry Update

School/Orphanage ~ Poison found in food, resignation of two of our three dorm supervisors, one of our orphans called away for burial and not returned until extreme pressure and threats for loss of spot was given to the guardian - these events shaped the turmoil and intense difficulties faced in the last two months. Through God's strength and wisdom, the ministries are still moving forward, and we are praying fervently for more help.



JJ and the "Street Boys" Digging Cassava

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Street Children's Ministry

Four young men have risen to the forefront—Ishma, Robert, Frank, and Joseph. We are getting ready to move to the next stage of opening a way for a very basic education. These young men are a tremendous daily help to JJ. Frank has even been helping with guarding at night. Over the last several months these professing Christians have proven a faithfulness, trustworthiness, and loyalty to Christ and the ministry that has not been seen in many of our adult Christians in the church. "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are" (I Corinthians 1:27-28).

Some of the houses we are building in Kyotera as part of our second orphan project

