



# The Applegate Family

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

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Dear Partners in Ministry,

Recently I lost a friend to suicide. It was difficult for me to accept what happened. As a teacher and pastor, he had had such an impact on so many people for good. Through some tragic events in life, his joy turned to tremendous grief and frustration. It seems he never recovered from the trauma. I was reminded of the Scripture, "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7).



**FAMILY:** I remember being 8 years old and taking care of our dog Twinkles when she had 9 puppies. Well, I admit that my mom and dad did most of the work. We have had an abundance of **Puppies and birthdays** the past two months. Our young Bull Mastiff had 11 puppies about 6 weeks ago. The kids have enjoyed playing with them while Daddy has not so enjoyed cleaning up after them. Ellora, Elexis, Eliana, and Kristy all celebrated birthdays during August and September. Kristy made some colorful and unique cakes. I think she is glad to be finished making birthday cakes for a while.

## PRAISES

- Souls continue to be saved
- Majority of the orphans in Masaka were baptized

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Safety for groups coming in for short-term missions trips
- Safety for our family and for staff and orphans
- Wisdom in decisions
- Personnel for the growing ministry

**UGANDA MINISTRY:** Children from Central Calvary Baptist Vacation Bible School in West Plains, Missouri, eagerly brought their pennies to VBS each night to give for our Uganda orphan ministry. With the \$500 they gave, we were able to buy shoes for all the orphans in Kyotera, as well as sweatshirts for all the orphans in both Kyotera and Masaka. The orphan boys and girls were so excited.

The ministry in Mbira is growing rapidly. There are now 4 orphan homes and the pastor's home is nearing completion. The first of two wells has been finished except for the pump, and the second is about ready to hit water. A full-size football (soccer) field is on the property, and Pastor JJ had the burden to start a league with all surrounding villages. Every other week two teams converge to play. Afterwards JJ and I present the Gospel, and members of the church pass out tracts and *The Book of John* in Luganda to the spectators.



Kristy has had the wonderful opportunity to teach a modesty class to the teen girls every Sunday night for the last 6 weeks. She just finished and was excited to see most of the girls signing pledges to be modest in their dress.

A large number of our orphans in Masaka were baptized recently. What a joy to see them grow spiritually and have a desire to follow the Lord in baptism! **(continued on other side)**



God also provided the means through Operation Renewed Hope for our leader in Lukaya to come very close to finishing the church



building. Our co-worker Marlin Petersen just had the opportunity to recently see several people baptized and the Lord's Supper taken in the nearly-finished building.



**Top Left:** Teen Modesty Class  
**Top Right:** Orphans that were baptized  
**Middle Left:** Mbira "Football" team  
**Middle Right:** Mbira  
**Bottom Photos:** Birthday Cakes Galore!

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