



# The Applegate Family

Tony, Kristy, Eliana, Elijah, Elexis, Elysse

Serving God in Uganda, East Africa

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& March  
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Dear Partners in Ministry,

Oh, the joy of being surrounded with the pure love of 30 orphans! Stepping onto our ministry property in Masaka, we saw the orphans in culture class working on a pottery project. One of them noticed us coming up the hill and then the running commenced. With shrill screams and overjoyed expressions, the boys and girls surrounded us, hugging and welcoming us back home. The funniest part came when



one of the orphans with wet clay on their hands gave me a big hug, and without my knowing it had put a clay hand print on the right part of my back pocket. Our visitors snickered as I walked the rest of the way up to the school with a small clay hand print stuck to my jeans.

**FAMILY:** Kristy and I had the opportunity to visit Uganda the first 2 weeks in February. What a difference to take a 25-hour journey to Uganda without 4 children! Kristy's parents took care of Eliana, Elijah, and Elexis; and my mom took care of Elysse so she could be close to her doctors in Tennessee. A big snow in West Plains, Missouri, allowed the kids to sled and build a snowman for the first time in their young lives. My mother spoiled Elysse rotten while we were gone. We praise the Lord for Godly parents. By the end of two weeks we were definitely ready to see our children again.

**UGANDA MINISTRY:** I am so happy to report that the



JJ and his wife Harriet after his graduation from Bible school while we were in Uganda

ministry in Uganda has been moving very well during our absence. We checked on both ministries in Masaka and Kyotera. The children are looking very healthy and happy. It was also a tremendous joy to visit the new church plant in Mbira. JJ Kalanzi is doing such a wonderful job with the believers in Mbira. Many of them walked a far distance in the rain to meet with us on a Saturday. We were privileged to hear the testimonies of believers in Mbira and

## PRAISES

- Safe trip to Uganda in early February
- Successful procedure for Kristy's huge kidney stone
- Elysse's doctor is pleased with the progress of her feet.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Wisdom and strength for JJ as he leads believers in Mbira and oversees the orphans in Masaka
- Growth in Mbira believers, spiritually and numerically
- Safety in our travels on furlough.
- Wisdom for Elysse's hand doctor in determining whether or not to do surgery; we meet with her hand doctor on March 9.



listen to them sing. Our sending-church pastor, David Strehlow, and a group from my parent's church with their pastor and our good friend, James Crockett, were blessed and touched by what God is doing in Uganda. Some of them are even thinking about returning to be a part of our ministry efforts. I was especially thankful that my father could make this trip with us.

**FURLOUGH MINISTRY:** Kristy is battling blood pressure problems again. We are trying to regulate her blood pressure with medication, but the medication seems to be making her sluggish and nauseated. I felt it important to reschedule two of our meetings the end of February to give time in righting Kristy's health. It didn't take long for us to realize that the Lord definitely was leading in that decision, as Kristy ended up in the hospital for several days—not from blood pressure, but from a huge kidney stone. The urologist said it was the largest stone he had ever seen that had dropped as far as it had. We praise the Lord for medical technology that makes it possible for the doctor to break up the stone (using a type of laser fiber-optic procedure), even though Kristy is pregnant. The procedure was successful, and we are trusting the Lord for a full recovery.



Lord willing, we will be travelling full time from March to the first part of June. Please look on our website for an itinerary of meetings. We would love to see some of you if our meetings are close.

**Photos: (Above) Nick Applegate, Tony, JJ Kalanzi, Pastor Strehlow (Below) Kyotera orphans enjoying their swing; Pastor Crockett is surrounded by Kyotera orphans during one of the worst rain storms I have ever seen in Uganda. The rain was coming in through the windows.**



**Psalm 34:7: "The angel of the encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them."**

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