



The Applegate Family

Tony, Kristy, Eliana, Elijah, Elexis, Elysse

Serving God in Uganda, East Africa

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Dear Partners in Ministry,

We are longing to be back in Uganda. We miss all of the people and ministries very much. Okay, I admit...the cold, cold weather here in the States also precipitates our desire to return to above 65 degrees. Even though the extreme winter is here, God daily reminds us of His love and provision. We get to be inside a warm house and warm car. Our food is warm and water is hot for showers. Most importantly, we are warmed through the reading of His Word and communication at His throne—regardless of weather conditions.

FAMILY: It seems that our family has battled more sickness in the last couple of months than we dealt with the entire time in Uganda. Eliana with strep throat, Elexis with strep throat and ear infection, Elysse with bronchitis and pneumonia (which required hospitalization), and Kristy and me with flu and colds make for an interesting arrangement for travelling to supporting churches. Praise the Lord, we have not started full swing in travelling yet. Continue to pray for Elysse. Her casts were taken off and replaced with leg braces. The doctor thinks she might have a tiny fracture in her right leg. The hand doctor is semi-optimistic in Elysse not needing surgery on her wrists, fingers, and shoulders. Through therapy and much stretching of tendons, the hands and fingers might right themselves.

While we were living in Uganda, because of a large tank for storing water in Uganda, there was never a time when we completely ran out of water. Ironically, during the freezing temperatures that swept through Tennessee recently, the pipes to the apartment where we are staying froze, and we had to do without water for a day.

FURLOUGH MINISTRY: Pastor Paul Gaymon at Faith Baptist Church in Brown City, Michigan, invited me to come and present my field of Uganda, while at the same time giving some revival messages. One person was saved and several dedicated their lives to the Lord. Paul was in my youth group in Midland, Texas, his senior year. During college he would come back in the summer and help me. I was overjoyed to see how God is using Paul in the ministry. Our family also had the privilege of visiting Pastor Jeff Fain at Immanuel Baptist Church in Cold Spring, Kentucky. Kristy knew Jeff and his wife Charle' from Guam when she taught there. They had a good time reminiscing.

UGANDA MINISTRY: JJ Kalanzi (third row, far right, wearing a suit), leader of a new work in Mbira, recently put up a temporary structure with the help of his new church. They were excited to move into the new building from the house where they had been meeting.



The orphans will be returning soon from spending time with their guardians during Christmas break. I was told that many of them are more than ready to come back and start the new school year.



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