



# The Applegate Family

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Serving God in Uganda, East Africa

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"This *is* the day *which* the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. ~ Psalm 118:24

Dear Partners in Ministry,

No matter how difficult the circumstances of a day may bring, we as Christians always know that God is in control. We rest assured in the fact that nothing happens without His knowledge and action, or allowance. This is why a rejoicing and gladness can commence, no matter what a day may bring forth.



**FAMILY:** With 4 kids there is never a loss for exciting events to pen. Eliana lost her first two teeth while Elysse gained her first two. I believe a child invented the tooth fairy just to extort money from their parents. Fishing at Grandpa's house, our kid's reeled in their first giant catch. Elysse is

such a joy and testimony to everyone who meets her. Despite the handicaps in her hands and legs, she tends to always bring a smile to everyone she meets. Rarely does she cry unless in tremendous pain. Her gaze tends to melt one's heart.



**FURLOUGH MINISTRY:** During our reporting at Carol Baptist Church in Atchison, Kansas, we were blessed through the stories of two young ladies. One of them brought a small box with a picture on it from our first prayer card in 2004. She handed it to us and then explained that she had been collecting change for us since the first time she met us and saw our ministry.

Another young lady approached Kristy and me after the service and explained that she had felt burdened to pray for us every day...and that since 2004, she had rarely missed a day of lifting us up to the Father. What sweet and dedicated spirits these two young ladies showed!

We had the opportunity to visit many pastor friends and relatives on our journey through Texas and California. While in Texas we had a free Wednesday night. Our cousins, Doug and Kathy Wright, graciously allowed us to stay in their beautiful home for the week we were in the Houston area.



Sometimes a missionary gets weary on the road, and the flesh suggests excuses to stay home when church is where we need to be. Kristy and I both knew we needed to find a church, so we looked online and found a pastor who preached at Pensacola Christian College when we attended there several years ago. That night we

## PRAISES

- Safety in our travels
- The addition of 48 orphans in Kyotera

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Elysse's surgery has been moved to June 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the surgeon decided to operate only on the left hand at this time.
- Wisdom in making decisions regarding ministry expansion while I am in Uganda for 2 weeks this summer
- Kristy's and the baby's health during her pregnancy



attended the church and, to our surprise, we met another couple we knew from college; he is the associate pastor. Pastor Johnny Pope gave us what they called a stuffing—people stuffing money into our pockets. We also received an invitation to go back to the church this summer and report on our Ugandan ministry. What a blessing!! Perhaps the most unique thing about the night was learning that our children’s pediatrician and his wife, who live in Hendersonville, Tennessee, were married in the church in Houston and are good friends with the pastor.

Little Elysse became sick in Texas, and despite our efforts to treat her with the nebulizer and deep-suction machine, she had to be admitted to the hospital in Palm Desert, California, with pneumonia. This changed our plans for meetings in California, and it was with great disappointment that we had to cancel 3 of our meetings and make a very tiring 31-hour trip back to West Plains, Missouri. Praise the Lord, we made it safely. The many toll roads gave us easy opportunities to hand out tracts as we paid our tolls.

### UGANDA MINISTRY:

We now have 48 new orphans in Kyotera. JJ’s ministry in Mbira is growing. It is a relief to me in knowing things are progressing well while we are in the States. A huge credit goes to Keith and Sally Stensaas, our partners in ministry in Uganda.



Above: Kyotera Orphans  
Below: Our precious Elysse – age 1

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