



# The Applegate Family

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

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Dear Partners in Ministry,

One of the great Jewish patriarchs, Joseph, made a profound statement that has been mentioned again and again by Christians throughout the history of the New Testament Church – “But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good . . .” (Genesis 50:20). In so many actions and events, what man plans for evil, God reverses for good.

**FAMILY:** I praise the Lord for having a Godly, patient wife who knows the demands of ministry and is sensitive to the need for a loving accountability in her husband’s life. For a short time, I have felt like the fast pace of America



transferred to the laid-back ways of Uganda. The demands of correcting some serious failures in Kyotera and leading two more groups of American teams in ministry kept me very busy, but through the joys and trials of many ministry and administrative duties, I was able to enjoy the birthday of our son Elijah and a day and night with family at the Entebbe Zoo. It has also been exciting to see Elysse (our two-year-old) sitting on our dinner table and using her legs and upper body to do

a 360° turn. Ellora (almost a year old) now pulls herself up at our living room table and tries to grab everything accessible. Our children are growing up so quickly.

**UGANDA MINISTRY:** The ministries from May until the present have been loaded with very difficult decisions along with tremendous blessings. The first of May presented me with the hardest and most hurtful ministry events of my missionary life. One of my closest Uganda partners and team members tried to destroy the Kyotera church and orphan work. Praise the Lord, all of his efforts have thus far been in vain, and we have quickly, with God’s mercy and help, restored order to a volatile, dangerous situation.

Two church groups have brought tremendous joy and wonderful ministry to our orphans and churches through VBS and Sports camps during the months of May and June. As always, the relationships formed between the orphans in Masaka and Kyotera and the visitors were so sweet. During the VBS in Kyotera, 13 orphans came to Christ. Also, in a children’s church service in Mbira, at least 10 children received Christ. The two churches, Kyotera Baptist and Mbira Baptist, were blessed with the opportunity of having over 20 new believers begin discipling and training for God’s service. The beautiful thing to see was how the emotionally and physically damaged orphans of Kyotera were quickly recuperating through the love shown by both groups of visitors. Psychology seeks to remedy man’s failures and breakdowns through

- PRAISES**
- Two very successful ministry trips
  - Needs that have been met in Kyotera
  - Elysse continues to develop—slowly but surely.
- PRAYER REQUESTS**
- The raising up of a new pastor for Kyotera
  - The Telman family to get the support they need to be able to quickly join us in Uganda
  - Continued safety for JJ and Harriet as they manage the G.R.A.C.E. Orphan Project



man’s wisdom, but the love of Christ spreads a sweet balm of contentment, joy, and peace. Through hugs, games, Bible teaching and charity, smiles and warmth returned to the hurting hearts of the Kyotera orphans.

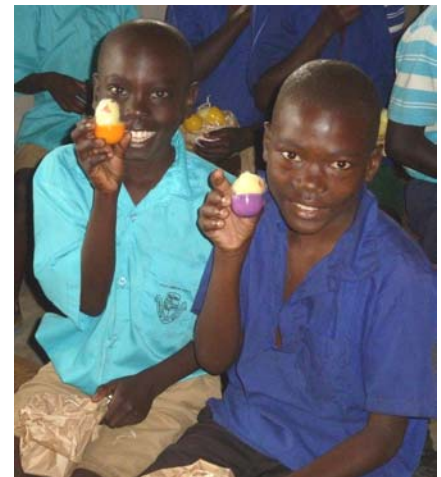


Finally, there have been strong reports of growth physically and spiritually from our churches in Mbirizi, Lukaya, and



Mbira. Please pray fervently for the recovery of our churches in Kyotera and Kalisizo, since the national pastor has abandoned them to follow his own pursuits. I dislike ending a letter on a negative note, so let me proclaim that each week in visitation, we are seeing souls saved on our Thursday ladies visitation and on our Saturday men’s visitation. The fields are still white unto harvest.

**Upper Left:** Tony & Kristy (and Elexis, almost 4 years of age) arrange flip flops that were donated through the efforts of a student (Olivia) from Hendersonville (TN) Christian Academy.  
**Upper Right:** Masaka orphans wear their Ugandan “free dresses” they received for their birthdays. (Many of the children don’t know when they were born, so we have a once-a-year birthday party and celebrate all of the orphans’ birthdays at the same time.)



**Far Right:** VBS Craft Project at Kyotera  
**Below:** Masaka orphans posing in front of a double rainbow—a rarity in Uganda

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