



The Applegate Family

serving God in Uganda, East Africa

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Dear Partners in Ministry,

“God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” A sound mind – now that is novel achievement in the midst of a sinful, chaotic world—but something that is achievable nonetheless. A sound mind is one of the greatest gifts God has granted to those who live daily trusting in Him. People spend thousands of dollars and years of their life searching for peace; yet, praise God, we have but to listen to His Spirit as He guides us into all truth, which includes the road map to peace.

Ministry Update

Opening of a church in Mutukula ~ We are excited to be a part of the opening of a new church in the town of Mutukula on the Tanzania border. Pastor Diton, the national pastor in charge of our daughter churches in the towns of Kalisizo and Kyotera, has been holding Bible studies in this town for quite some time and plans to “officially” start the church in December. It is very encouraging for us to see the premise of missions continuing on. Pastor Keith and I are also helping a young man named Kenneth prepare to start a church in his home village of Kyabagoonya.

Street Children’s Ministry

One of the older street boys, Frank, has been growing so quickly in the Lord. Frank is now helping to guard the property and has shown a strong willingness to love and work with the orphan boys. When I hear someone say that there is no power in Christianity, I look at a life like Frank’s that has been so drastically transformed and reaffirm that there truly is power in Christ.

Praises

- Our newly designed website (www.theapplegates.net) is almost finished and should be ready to go “live” by the end of November.
- God’s continued working in our church

Prayer Requests

- More personnel for the ministries of the church
- Continuing negotiations on land. (One piece of land that we thought was a “done deal” has fallen into some squabbles among the family members selling the land, and we are having difficulty closing the deal.)



Frank, one of the “Street Kids”

School/Orphanage ~ Sue, Kristy's mother, had the opportunity to visit us in October. She brought with her some brand new shirts for the boys and some jumpers, nightgowns, and dresses for the girls. The orphans were so excited to get new clothes. When JJ, our orphan manager, asked the boys how many had ever owned a new shirt, none of them raised their hands. After receiving the shirts, the boys jumped around yelling, "God is good! God is great! We've never had a new shirt before." We thank Central Calvary Baptist Church in West Plains, Missouri, for spreading some joy into the hearts of these precious children.



The Girls Were Grateful for Their New Jumpers



First New Shirts These Boys Have Ever Owned

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Adjusting-to-Life Update

Our vehicle sprung a good size oil leak, so it had to be taken to the capital city of Kampala for several days of repairs. While the car was being repaired, I traveled by four-wheeler back and forth to work and around town. This became interesting since rainy season is in full swing and the four-wheeler's mud flaps don't quite cover the big back tires. The only way to keep my good clothes clean was to wear some old oversized clothes on top of my dress clothes. Kristy got a good chuckle several times when I arrived home with mud covering me from head to toe.

Cultural Update ~ Kristy and I learned that many men during Christmas time love to wear brand-new bright white socks with their dark suits and dark dress shoes. They are proud to show how clean and wealthy they are by holding their pant leg up a little while walking down the street so everyone can notice. Kristy and I just looked at each other with big smiles, understanding the fashion *faux pas* this would be in America.