



# The Applegate Family

Tony, Kristy, Eliana, Elijah, Elexis, Elysse

Serving God in Uganda, East Africa

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*Isaiah 40:31~ "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."*

Dear Partners in Ministry,

**Weariness!** Sometimes in the ministry, missionaries seem to play the role of super hero. The expectations are high to maintain perfect children, hold



a fast-paced schedule, and be satisfied with no permanent home for a year. Praise the Lord that amidst the weariness of life comes renewed vigour to carry on the privileged task of updating our beloved churches and friends and also of getting the needed therapy and surgery for our beloved daughter Elysse.

**FAMILY UPDATE:** The children are just beginning to get introduced to the fast-paced, ever-changing journey we call "furlough." The constant meeting of new people and changing of living environments can put strain on the calmest of children and parents, which, sad to say, we do not fit into the category of calmest parents nor do we have the calmest children. Let me not just focus on the difficulties, because the travelling allows the children to see new places and experience a variety of adventures.

Elexis and Elijah recently were able to ride on "Honey," Grandpa's horse. I learned quickly how easily horses can get scared. Eliana was riding on my shoulders, and I was pretending to be the horse while watching the other children ride. "Honey" had not seen such a thing as this two-headed monster bouncing in her direction, so she came to a dead stop, throwing Elijah and Elexis directly over her head. I watched in horror as my two precious children simultaneously went flying through the air, landing flat on their backs. To their credit, with some gentle prodding, they both got right back on the horse.

## MINISTRY UPDATE:

**Furlough:** What a joy to have visited two expanding and thriving supporting churches, Friendship Baptist Church in Raleigh, North Carolina, and Crossroads Baptist Church in Carthage, Missouri. Both are increasing their giving for missions dramatically and are also expanding in their building programs.

## PRAISES

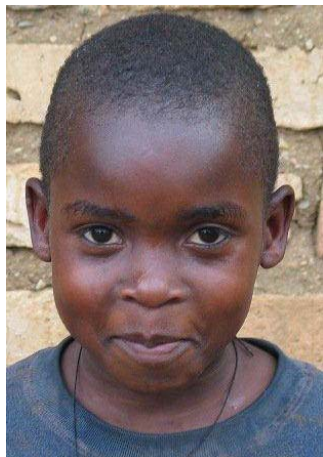
- None of our children have contracted any flu bugs or had any major sickness while travelling.
- JJ's church in Mbira is growing in the faith.
- The Lord allowed us to recover all pictures of Elysse (which were lost when our computer crashed) that we had taken from the time of her birth.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Wisdom and strength for JJ as he continues to lead the group of believers in Mbira as well as manage the orphan boarding section in Masaka
- Safety in our travels on furlough.
- Wisdom for Elysse's doctors as they operate on her feet and right knee on November 30<sup>th</sup>.



**Uganda Happenings:** Keith, my partner in Uganda, recently described how several of our older orphan young men gave a devotional on a Wednesday night. Wow! My heart cried out in joy to hear that our goals and dreams are coming to fruition in some of these precious orphan boys.



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**Support:**

Tax-deductible contributions for the Applegates can be sent to BIMI and marked "Account # 1295/ Applegates."



We praise the Lord for a well with good drinking water at the orphanage in Kyotera. (Photo of Elijah at the well was taken before we left Uganda.)



Fun times for our children; they are full of awe at God's beauty in creation.