



# The Applegate Family

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

Serving God in Uganda, East Africa

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Dear Partners in Ministry,

James 1:27 - "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, *and* to keep himself unspotted from the world." If the world in their philanthropy senses the need to take care of orphans, how much more should the church have this burden! Instilling this understanding has been a vital process in the Ugandan Baptist churches. We are very thankful for all the help given to our orphans from their home churches in Masaka and Kyotera...and from extended churches in America. What a thrill it will be to see some of the orphan boys go on to start churches in their home villages and the orphan girls teach in our Christian schools or to take a Biblical role in their home as God intended from the beginning!

**FAMILY:** Wow!! Getting 5 children, ages 6 and under, ready to go anywhere in less



than 2 hours is a lesson of patience and strategy. Yes, this transitional stage is difficult, but I can say with the utmost sincerity that I would not change places with anyone else in the world. God has given me the best wife and 5 children a man could hope for. (OK, I am little biased.) Nothing melts my heart more than to hear that Elexis (age 3) has been crying for her Daddy to come home from Uganda quickly...then, upon my arrival back at Kristy's parent's house, I get gratuitously swallowed up by smiles, screams of joy, hugs and kisses from our adorable children. Finally, I am most excited to tell everyone that Kristy had the opportunity to lead Eliana, our oldest child, to the Lord in August. It's easy to forget the excitement that follows salvation until you see your child boldly telling others about her conversion experience.



2-month-old Ellora is growing well.

**FURLOUGH MINISTRY - UGANDA MINISTRY:** I am combining these two categories for the simple reason that I spent almost three weeks in Uganda. I promised in the last letter that I would let you know how God is working in our ministries. God has blessed us with the funds to build a Christian school in Kyotera for 250 students, 84 of those being fully sponsored orphans. Also, funds were given for a well and dining hall on this same property. These were tremendous answers to prayer for Pastor Diton, the national pastor of Kyotera Baptist Church and Christian School. The government has been pressuring him for the proper school facilities to maintain his

already growing, yet small school. I also had the privilege of meeting the 48 new orphans in Kyotera. One young man, Steven, was lying on the ground, getting ready to be transported to the doctor for treatment. Before coming into the orphanage, his guardian had poured scalding water over the upper half of his body and he was terribly scarred, and was left with horrible asthma because of the damage done to his chest area. Praise the Lord, this young man has since received Christ. We continue to pray for Steven, that his external pains will cease as well as his emotional scars. We also praise the Lord for changes we see taking place in the lives of orphans. (See "before-and-after" photos on back.) In Masaka, some of the orphans have been taking violin lessons and are doing well.



Pastor JJ was so excited to take me to a church service at Mbira Baptist Church. I was excited and humbled to see the church packed with Christians, most of them very poor, giving praise and worship to God. Even while writing this, my heart is overjoyed to think of a

### PRAISES

- Money provided for a much-needed school building and dining hall in Kyotera
- Eliana's salvation
- Tony's trip to Uganda was very profitable and safe.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Safety as we travel to Eastern Canada and Kansas City to finish our furlough meetings
- That Elysse's immune system will remain strong during change of seasons

Ugandan man with such love for his members and community. After relaying to my family what is transpiring in Uganda, Kristy and I are ready to get back to Uganda and get settled into the life and with the people God has directed us to serve. I have to mention that, while attending the service in Mbira, Pastor JJ stopped speaking, walked off the platform towards me, and then pointed to the rafters. Very quietly, he spoke one word—"Snake." Upon looking up, I saw what seemed to be a small snake coiled 5 feet above my head. When they proceeded to clear the church and then poke it with a stick, it fell to the ground—all six feet of it! And yes, I jumped back as it proceeded to raise its head. Fortunately, the man with the stick promptly smashed its head before it could bite anyone. Throughout the rest of the service, I could make out references in Luganda to the serpent, Satan, being defeated and crushed. We praise the Lord for His protection—whether in the States or in Uganda.

**Before and After Photos of Orphans:** First Row: Rita, Josephine; Second Row: Robert, Matiya



**Left:** Elysse with Dr. Watson, the doctor who did corrective surgery on her left hand.

**Right:** Celebrating Grandpa Cawthron's 84<sup>th</sup> Birthday



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