

*And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick
Luke 9:2*

Dear Praying Friends,

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Thank you for your faithful prayers and support towards the work for the Lord Jesus Christ in Soroti, Uganda. Please pardon our delay in getting this letter out as Elena and I have just returned from furlough and have been busy with the usual settling in activity and work.

Ministry: My missionary replacement gave us wonderful news that two of our schoolteachers and our car mechanic all made professions of faith in Christ! This is great news as I had been witnessing to and praying for them for some time now. I have scheduled discipleship study with them and will add them to the baptism list that will take place in the future. We thank the Lord for this recent harvest.

I plan to begin home-building (marriage) classes with the couples in the church. Many couples in Uganda are not legally married and simply live together even with the consent of their families! They are taught nothing about the Biblical responsibilities of marriage and thus are plagued with constant struggles, especially financial, and things only worsen when children come along. I have already begun working on overseeing several couples being properly married. Please pray they will be motivated to learn and not be content with the cultural status quo of living in sin.

Life in Uganda: As I spoke to several churches while on furlough I wish to pursue the ministry of a weekly clinic for identification and treatment of children with sickle cell disease. There are thousands of children affected with this dreaded genetic disease that kills many before they reach twelve years of age. Please pray we would show them the love of Christ and see many saved as we reach them all with the Gospel.

One day after arriving in Uganda, Elena and I visited the Ministry of Education to pick up the newly issued license of SOAP's Primary school, the Independent Baptist School. This allows us to operate the school without further hindrance of future relicensing. We thank the Lord that this long process is finally finished.

Prayer Requests:

- Spiritual growth for the newly saved, Joshua, Lawrence and John.
- Protection from spiritual darkness wishing to interfere with the ministry.
- For strong marriage commitments from the couples in church.
- To see many saved through the ministry to sickle cell children.

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