



September 2017

Dear Friends and Supporters,

What a privilege we have to be born into the family of God and to be made new by the blood of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. The last several weeks, we have been a part of three new things here in Uganda that we want to share with you.

The first new thing is our daughter Abigail Grace. She was born on August 22 and weighed 7 lbs 11 ozs. It is hard to believe that she is already three weeks old, but she has definitely changed our lives a lot in a very good way. We are thankful that she is healthy and that Talia is recovering well from the natural delivery.

The second new thing is a new church plant. One of the young men in Kasese lives out in a village about 30 minutes from town. Using soccer and some short evangelism times, he has found a number of people who are interested in starting a church. Starting in July, we began going out on a weekly basis and meeting with this small group and whoever wants to join. We go on Tuesday afternoon and stay for several hours. Our missionary colleague has been teaching the adults and David have been teaching the children. We have had good interest and have had a consistent group already who are eager to learn. We are hoping to eventually turn this group into a full church and have the young man become their pastor. Please pray that God will continue to bless and that those who are coming will be truly saved and grounded in the Word of God.

The last new thing is a new family. I had the privilege to marry a young couple that I have worked with from the time I arrived in Uganda. I worked with Charles on teaching children when we first came to Uganda and did much work with him to build up the Ruti church. His wife, Grace, was saved with her mother under our ministry there, and I have had the opportunity to disciple and teach her. Both are serious about serving the Lord and have strong Christian testimonies. This is a rare thing to find in Uganda so it has been a blessing to see two young people do things the right way and begin a new family to serve God together. We look forward to what God will do in their lives in the future.

Thank you so much to those who have contributed to the Rwanda land project. We have received over half the funds and will look to purchase some land in the near future. This purchase is vital to getting our paperwork to allow us to live in the country so pray that we will find the right location at a good price. Pray that we will use it the most effective way for the furthering of the ministry there. Sadock has been here in Uganda twice in the last three months, and I have been in good contact with him about the ministry there. I plan to go to Rwanda twice in the next month. We will be having our next teaching time the first week of October so pray that all will go well with it. God is really working there and I will write again soon to share more details of that work.

In Christ,

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Thank you so much for your prayers for Rwanda. God is doing a great work here, and we are thankful for the small part that we have to be a part of it. I have been in Rwanda twice since our last letter and have seen and done many things.

The most important thing I have been working on is the land purchase. I want to send a very strong thank you to those who have given money for this project. We have raised just over half the money and several others have expressed interest in donating. It is easy to look at land, but when we don't have any money in hand, it is really hard to bargain. Since some of the money is now in hand, we have begun to very seriously look at what to purchase. We have several good options, but the land prices have already increased, and by the end of the year, most of the land will be out of our price range. Please pray that God will provide the right land in the right location at the right price. We plan to develop the land we purchase over time and eventually turn it into a Bible college/ministry center.

The first week of October, we had our second week-long institute in Rwanda. This second week was very different from the first, but we were well prepared and had as many as 23 eager students. Many were new students so we spent a lot of time going over basic Bible doctrines and making sure of their salvation. For the second time, one of our teachers had an emergency and had to cancel at the last minute. I am very thankful for our teachers who stepped in and did a great job in filling that space. One of our new teachers was a Ugandan pastor who visited Rwanda for the first time. It was great for him to do "missions" in a foreign country and be a blessing to fellow Africans. We also had an American man who is considering being a missionary come with us and teach. The week was a big success, and we ended the week with two baptisms.

On the home front, we have been busy as well. I have been teaching every Wednesday at the Bible institute. We are teaching how to teach children as well as music. Both of these classes are challenging, but very necessary for developing church leaders. My challenge is to keep from overwhelming the students while making the material applicable. We have seen good progress. I am happy to have the opportunity to develop future leadership wherever I may be.

Please pray that we will be able to have God's exact leading on our future. At this time, it doesn't look like we will be able to move to Rwanda at the end of the year, but things are definitely moving forward. The property we are currently renting will need to be vacated at the end of the year so we need to find a new place as our headquarters. There are many good options so we are thankful for how God has used our current situation this year. Please pray that God will make His way clear and that we will continue to have great opportunities for ministry. Please also pray that we will be able to get Abigail's paperwork so we can visit Rwanda as a family again before the end of the year.

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