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Dear Friends and Supporters,

There is no doubt that life as a missionary is exciting and busy. In the last month, I have spent about five days at home! I have made several trips to Rwanda since our last update as well as trips to Mbarara, Kampala, and Kasese. It has been lots of travel, but also lots of great opportunities.

Two of my trips to Rwanda have been to spend time with visitors from America. A former missionary to Uganda brought a team of men from America to visit both Uganda and Rwanda. These men had heard about what God is doing here and wanted to be a part of it. They are the ones who contributed the money for church property and buildings. It was exciting to have them here and to show them firsthand the work that God is doing. We did a lot of traveling around the country to look at different church locations. Currently, there is one building that is completed, two properties that were purchased with money in hand to build a church building on them, and another property with a building that needs to be renovated. All of these churches have local leadership who have Bible studies on a weekly basis. The primary thing holding them back is a proper place to meet and more teaching. God has met the meeting space need in an incredible way and we are thankful. Brother Tony Stark's desire is to see buildings and churches started in each of the 11 districts of Rwanda, and we are well on the way to that!

The house in Nyagatare should be completed soon and then we can begin teaching discipleship classes at the church there, hopefully starting next month. We also have secured good office space in Kigali that can also be used for teaching. We hope to do more teaching starting sometime next month. The office space also means we will be able to push to get the final mission paperwork completed. We ask you to pray with us that this will happen soon so we can begin to operate in a more official capacity. We have also received a shipment of gospel tracts and John and Romans in English, French, and Kinyarwanda. This will be a great help in evangelism and discipleship.

Two weeks ago I spend a week in Kasese teaching Farming God's Way. This is a program designed by Christians to teach a Biblical approach to farming that is sustainable and productive. We had 20 students attend at various times during the week. It was a blessing to teach Biblical principles as well as provide a practical way to help Ugandans use the resources God has given to them.



The biggest news that we have is that we are planning to return to the US for furlough in November of this year. I have been in contact with a number of our supporters about being with them during that time. We are planning to return to Africa in mid July 2020. If I have not yet gotten in contact with you about setting up a time to share with the church what God is doing here in Africa, please reach out to me. We would love to be with as many of our supporters as possible during this time.

We are now within six months of returning to the US so that means that we are preparing things to make sure all is in order while we are in the States. There is much to do, but we are confident that these ministries are able to stand on their own for the few months that we will be away. Please pray for wisdom as we make these preparations.

In Christ,

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