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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Sorry it has been so long since the last letter. As you can imagine, the preparation for returning to America has been intense and stressful. I am happy to report that we are now about a month out from our return. Preparations have gone well and we have kept very busy over the last several months.

The situation in Nyagatare is moving along nicely and I was able to visit there in August to hold a children's teacher training. We were also able to build for them a rough building for the children to meet in. The teachers were enthusiastic to learn and on Sunday we were able to demonstrate a full children's class. We were able to give them fresh ideas and a good plan to not just entertain the children on Sunday morning. We have also translated some children's teaching materials for them so they have some curriculum to work from. The exciting thing about the church is that we believe we are ready for a church forming! We have scheduled it for the 3rd of November, which will make it the last ministry event before our return. There are a lot of details that need to be finished for the event, but we are excited to see this first step and the first church to be officially formed in Rwanda. Please pray that all will go well and that God will bless this event.

After some delay, we finally have the building permit for the church in Kibuye so the renovation process has started. I have not been able to see the building in person, but the work seems to be going well and it should be done by the end of October. This will allow the group there to be able to meet in a real building instead of the pastor's house. Once they start officially meeting, we can begin the process of preparing them for a church forming. This is a big step and we are very thankful for what God is doing there.

At the beginning of September, we had our final week of teaching in Kasese. Pastor Matthew had been in America for a year on furlough and I had been watching over his church from afar while he was gone. After the week of teaching on the book of Hebrews, he returned and I turned the responsibilities back over to him. It was a blessing to be in Kasese for the teaching, but also bittersweet since it will be the last time I will be there until after our furlough. We are thankful for the work God is doing there and how God is growing the guys who are there. We trust that God will continue his work in that church.

It seems like all I ever do is travel and it may be true. The two pastors in the mountains near Bwera asked me to come and do some events for them several weeks ago and I agreed. We did a conference for old people, met with a group of women to whom the pastor's wife is trying to teach skills and money management, and had school chapel. The women are some of the poorest I have seen in Uganda. They have large families, little to no education, and hilly land that is hard to farm. I was able to teach them the principles of Farming God's Way to help them preserve their soil on the steep slopes, and to donate seeds for them to plant. They were so appreciative and we trust that God will use this ministry to lead many to the truth of the gospel.

The last month will be busy as well so keep praying for safety. Pray that God will allow us to get everything done well. Thanks so much for your support and encouragement and we look forward to seeing many of you in a few months.

In Christ,

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