

And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick

Luke 9:2

Dear Praying Friends,

December 2012

As our second December here in Uganda arrives we again thank the Lord for the opportunity to serve Him and thank you for your prayers and financial support for us on the field. Thank you so much for the many Christmas gifts that we have received.

Language: I preached my first sermon completely in the Kumam language on December 2. It was sixteen pages and took about forty minutes to preach. It was a challenge, but I was very blessed when the people said they clearly understood what I preached. The emphasis was on salvation by faith alone, which is very poorly understood here in Uganda. Please pray that my translation time will decrease rapidly as to get future messages out in a timely manner.

In October, we had the opportunity to revise the existing Kumam gospel tract that had been utilized here for years. With the help of our language teacher, we worked on it for several weeks correcting grammatical errors, and it was a great exercise in using our Kumam. It has now been reprinted, and we have begun using it during our soul winning efforts to the Kumam people. Please pray for us to improve our language skills, we most certainly need it!

Ministry: I recently baptized the men that I have been discipling for several months. Ronald and Wilson both followed in believer's baptism on October 21, and we praise the Lord for their faithfulness in their discipleship lessons. I also baptized two other people coming from far away village churches that morning.

We wish to establish Bible clubs in public schools when they reopen in February. We have the stories of Creation, Adam and Eve, and Salvation translated into Kumam and hope to secure many schools that we can minister to on a weekly basis. We hope the Lord will allow us to make many contacts with teachers who would invite us to their own villages in order to get the Gospel to many Kumam people.

Life in Uganda: I saw Joseph, the boy with the fractured arm, last month. His skin has healed, but with terrible scarring. His hand still has no function, except for slight motion of his fingers, and limited movement of his elbow. This was a terrible and unnecessary outcome that could have been avoided with competent care immediately following his fracture. America's health care, though not perfect, is something we should be very thankful for. I have made several inquiries about my medical license application status without further news. Please pray that the government would grant it soon in 2013.

Luke 2:11 "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Have a wonderful and blessed Christmas!

Your Fellow Servants for Souls,
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Prayer Requests:

- * Salvation for my father and brother: Karl and Mark.
- * To establish Bible clubs in many public schools in February.
- * Language proficiency with translating English to Kumam.
- * Wisdom for church planting locations in Kumam villages.
- * To visit many unreached Kumam villages with the Gospel.



Ronald's Baptism



Wilson's Baptism