

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

Dear Praying Friends,

December 2015

We thank you all for your faithful prayers and support for us here in Uganda. We are privileged to labor for Christ on the mission field for souls.

Ministry: The church plant in Ongunai is progressing well. Michael continues to do well in leadership, preaching, and soul winning. He does all this on his own now, even though I will remain with the church until their chartering service. Michael wishes to be "church wed" even though his traditional marriage is legitimate with the government and us. People who are "church wed" tend to receive more respect in the community and this is what Michael wants to do before the chartering service. We will plan for this early next year. Elena has been teaching over fifty children in children's church every Sunday out in this village church.

Bible Clubs have been going very well this semester as we have taught in two different primary schools. We saw many raised hands for salvation in these schools and are blessed to have an Independent Baptist church at these locales for the children to be followed up on.

A woman named Joyce who we saw in our clinic in early 2014 with AIDS, whom we had not seen in ten months, walked up to us a couple of weeks ago and we did not even recognize her! When we saw her last she was emaciated, weak and we thought she would not last long. She must have gained at least fifteen pounds and looks like a new woman! But she actually became a new woman when she accepted Christ after being treated in the clinic last year. She remains with AIDS in this life, but will remain forever a new creature in Christ. (pictured on page 2)

Medical: We have begun the village clinics again this fall and have ministered to two villages with nearby church plants thus far. We saw many more cases of malaria in children than usual. This disease kills many children less than five years of age, but all were successfully diagnosed and treated. We saw almost 115 patients thus far and all were given the Gospel in their own tongue, and will be followed up by the preachers in the two church plants. The clinics will continue into next year as well.

Prayer Requests:

- * Commitment and faithfulness of the village church members.
- * Salvation decisions through the village clinics.
- * Wisdom and discernment concerning future ministry work.
- * Salvation for unsaved family members.

We wish all of you a most joyful Christmas and a blessed New Year!

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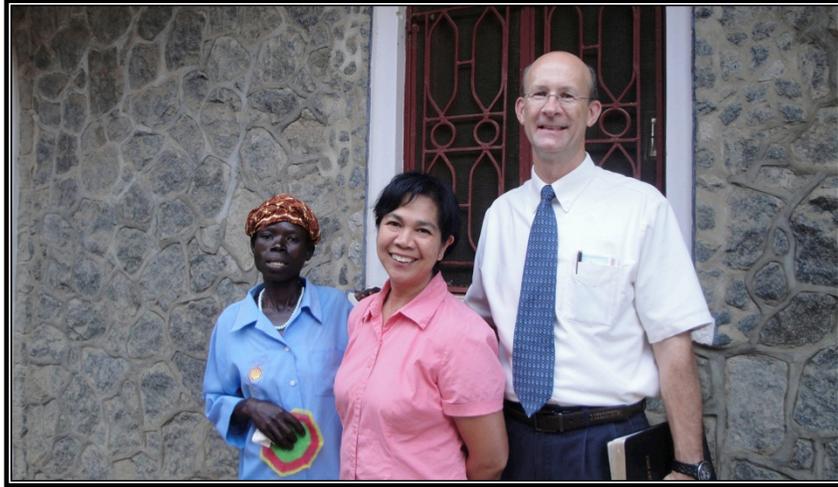
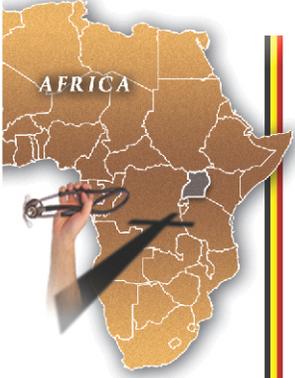
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