

The Applegate Family

Tony, Kristy, Eliana, Elijah, Elexis, Elysse, Ellora

Missionaries to Uganda, East Africa

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Dear Friends,

What enters your mind when you hear or see the word *change*? Maybe you like life remaining the same. Maybe, you like the adventure of continual change. It seems that in the Applegate family, life is in a rapid state of constant change, which you will see detailed below. Changes may sometimes bring uncertainty. I am so thankful that God never changes. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. His promises remain the same, and His truth endures for all generations.

Family Update: Elijah and Eliana had a great summer at Southland Christian Camp in Ringgold, Louisiana. Elijah worked on operational staff, and Eliana worked as camp counselor. Both of them expressed that God moved in their hearts and in the lives of many of the campers. Eliana is beginning her Junior year at PCC, and Elijah will be taking college classes part-time while working full-time at Southland Christian Camp.



Kristy and I enjoyed our 25th wedding anniversary on July 31st. I am very thankful for the wife God has given me. Our bodies are getting older, but our love for each other is getting stronger.

We are preparing for a short 6-month furlough back to the States, starting around April 21, 2025. The furlough will comprise of getting Elexis settled in her freshman year of college, getting surgery done for Elysse, and visiting supporting churches that we did not get to visit in 2022.

Special Interest Story: Eliana had the exciting opportunity to lead one of her campers to the Lord during the summer. When Eliana told us the story, Kristy and I were excited to learn that the camper was from one of our long-time supporting churches. Olathe View Baptist Church supported us before Eliana was born. Now, Eliana, a junior in college and camp counselor, played an important role in directing the young lady to Christ. Praise the Lord!!



Faith Baptist Church

Ground has been broken, and construction on the new church building has begun, praise the Lord! (We had a few unexpected four-footed guests at our groundbreaking. Typical Uganda scene.) The land has been cleared, and the foundation is nearing completion. The Lord provided Faith Baptist Church with a diligent building committee, a

professional construction company, and good building site accountability through the clerk of works. You may follow the construction process at www.faith.ug/build.

The FBC body of believers continues to grow numerically and, more importantly, spiritually. More members are maturing into leadership roles.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- For the final \$6,000 needed to finish paying for the school buildings.
- The search for a National pastor for Faith Baptist Church
- Continued development of leadership for Faith Baptist Church

PRAISE

- Several campers from Eliana's cabin accepted Christ.
- Construction on Faith Baptist is progressing well.



Please continue to pray with Dan Dwire and me as we seek God’s pick and the timing of a national pastor to lead Faith Baptist Church. We will be celebrating our 7th anniversary in September. A difficulty of planting a church in the capital city is the transient nature of jobs and education. One of our Nigerian members finished his doctorate work and, after 3 years of faithfully attending Faith Baptist Church, moved with his family back to Nigeria. We miss them dearly.

Update on Special Giving Opportunity: The Grace Project needs just \$6,000 to finish purchasing the two school buildings. We are so thankful to the many churches and individuals who have given to meet the need. Jim Telman and I are seeing the light at the end of this tunnel!!



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Row 1: We invited a Bible college alumni and his family over for lunch and encouragement. Kristy taught a lady from FBC how to bake. Amie Dwire and Kristy attended the graduation of 3 FBC ladies. The Adeleye family from Nigeria

Row 2: Kristy leading a LEAD class discussion. Eliana and Southland Camp counselor friends. One of Elijah’s jobs was helping with Ziplining.

Row 3: Tony, Eliana and Elijah at Southland. Brenda, a lady Kristy has been discipling, finished Discipleship 1 and 2. Elijah built up some muscles this summer.