

The Applegate Family
Tony, Kristy, Eliana, Elijah, Elexis, Elysse, Ellora
Missionaries to Uganda, East Africa

November & December 2022

Dear Friends,

It's a most wonderful time of the year!! There is singing, laughing, school break, and much snacking. Kristy and I sometimes forget how busy the Thanksgiving and especially the Christmas holidays are in the States. Christmas parties are everywhere and for every group—school parties, church parties, school and church Christmas plays or Cantatas, parties at friends' houses, parties for work.

If we're not careful, the Western culture of Christmas parties can create a busyness which sometimes takes away from family reflection of Christ's work in the current year and the year to come. If you do not have a family mission statement, there is no better time than now to get together and create one for 2023. The Applegate family motto is "*Genuine Faith to Follow Christ and Finish Well.*"

Family Update: Eliana finished her first semester at Pensacola Christian College. The learning curve was massive, but God's grace was sufficient to help her adapt and do well in her nursing classes. Kristy and I are so thankful to be in the States during Eliana's first year of college. Our family spent Thanksgiving with Kristy's parents. Elijah and I had the opportunity to deer hunt in Missouri. The deer won, but our time together was priceless. Elexis, Elysse, Ellora, and Midnight participated in the school Christmas program at Hendersonville Christian Academy in Tennessee.

Faith Baptist Church: Dan and I talk and text regularly about what is happening at Faith Baptist Church. We thank the Lord that no one in the church has contracted Ebola. Faith



Baptist Church's plans for 2023 have been developed and preparation begun. Dan Dwire had the Annual general meeting with FBC church members, and goals and plans for 2023 were given. I am excited to see how God will bless at FBC in 2023 and the participation our family will have in the ministry.

Furlough Update: We have been able to report to several more of our supporting churches as well as visit some new churches. I am thankful that many of



our supporting pastors are personal friends. While on furlough, I have been privileged to preach at our sending church and to teach in life group (Sunday School Class) during their search for a new pastor. A candidate has been presented to our sending church by the pulpit committee and will be voted on by the middle of January. Maybe, by my next newsletter, I will be able to announce the new pastor of Bible Baptist Church.



PRAYER REQUEST

Wisdom regarding decisions for Elysse's surgery on her palate. Kristy and I had a FaceTime call with her surgeon on December 20. Trying to get details worked out.

PRAISE

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**Christmas Greetings
From Our Home to Yours**

