

The Applegate Family
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Missionaries to Uganda, East Africa

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Dear Friends,

Life is slowly gaining momentum toward a semblance of normalcy in Uganda. The masks, distancing, handwashing, temperature-taking, limiting of the number of people in public and private transportation, and 9 PM curfew are all still in place, yet church services are allowed to resume with a 200-person limit. Do we have a reason to complain? No! Christians in many countries today are imprisoned and tortured for their faith. Is COVID real? Yes! Is it a joke? No! Should Christians whine and gripe because there is a “new normal”? No! Ok, I should stop preaching; this is a newsletter. Isaiah 26:3 applies to all situations and to all generations. “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.”



Family Update: One of the great positives of home-schooling, for the teacher anyway, is that no matter what chaos goes on outside, school will go on inside. Our kids might disagree with my “positive” label, but we have enjoyed the ability to stay on schedule with our kids’ schooling despite the many shut-downs of life outside the house.

Our kids had a blast during the annual Baptist International Missions of Uganda (BIMU) conference. Every

year BIMU missionaries in Uganda get together for a few days in Kampala, the capital city. We get to hear preaching. We get to enjoy good fellowship and good food. Our kids play games, listen to challenging Biblical preaching, and stay up later than usual, laughing and making lasting memories with good Christian friends.

Ministry Update:

Salvation Decisions and Baptisms: Faith Baptist held its first annual missions conference in March. The guest speaker was Pastor Oleo. Praise the Lord, a young man received Christ during our Monday afternoon outreach.

Ladies Meeting: Kristy and Amie had fun leading the Faith Baptist Church ladies meeting. The ladies had a great time of fellowship and learning from God’s Word.

Discipleship: Teaching those who have come to Christ is always a joy. Several have finished the Discipleship 1 and 2 programs. Graduates are now ready to sit in and observe a leader teaching a new student. Graduates will also be given the opportunity to teach a couple of lessons while being evaluated by the leader.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Wisdom as new church building is constructed
- Continued good health through the pandemic

PRAISES

- Salvation of Samuel during the mission’s conference
- Growing discipleship program





Wedding: Kristy photographed the wedding of Pastor Pacificque and Carlyn, both of whom graduated from East Africa Baptist College where Tony and Dan are teachers. It was a beautiful wedding.

Couples Conference: Valentine's Day is celebrated even in Uganda. Faith Baptist held its second annual Couples Conference, and we had fun. COVID restrictions and shutdowns caused difficulties in the area of finances for most married couples.



Dan Dwire and his wife Amie, my wife Kristy and I encouraged the couples who attended to understand their Biblical roles in marriage and to trust in the Lord to take care of financial needs.

Building Progress: Construction of proper drainage outlets and building the wall on our new property are about ready to begin. The process of preparation for building has been tedious, but the church leadership wants to make sure the plans are done professionally with government approval, ensuring buildings which will last long and be used for many years to come in glorifying God.



BIMU Teen girls; Elijah, Tony, & Elexis participating in church service; Bride & Groom with Elexis, Emilie, Kristy & Tony; photography helpers Elexis and Emilie; Kristy photographing bridesmaids; Ladies group

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