



His Very Own

(Uganda)

Dear Friends,

This month we thought it would be nice to give you a couple brief updates about our ministry in Uganda

Traditional Marriages

We have been attending Calvary Chapel Soroti for 1 ½ years now and this past month we were excited to celebrate with two couples from church as they had their Introductions (Traditional Marriage). It was fun to be able to facilitate the pre-marital counseling for one of the couples, a first time experience for us. We were also excited for the other couple because the groom has been in Bible Study with Daniel and I have been discipling the bride.



The Introduction of Kenneth and Rose

The marriage process is a bit different here in Uganda than it is in the US with a few more steps added to the process of “two becoming one.” The biggest difference here is that the marriage and wedding are actually 2 different events. The marriage is (typically) in the bride’s village and the wedding is in the church. These events are commonly years apart because there are certain requirements to “getting wedded” (as we say here) that make it difficult and expensive for a couple to complete the process.

These events are fun because they involve some of my favorite things: colorful clothing, traditional dancing and lots of food. We really enjoyed finding traditional clothing to wear to the events. I even made a bow tie for Nathan, oh man, that kid was CUTE.

Upcoming Projects

Daniel has a few projects coming up that he is really looking forward to. It has been fun to watch his role develop here; he has a good balance of discipleship/teaching and practical “getting your hands dirty” kind of work. The next few months will be very busy as we travel around Uganda for trainings:

- A new rabbit revolving loan group (in Kisoro). You might remember that Daniel has been doing rabbit and pig distributions with the Batwa people in Buhoma, SW Uganda and he is excited to expand these trainings to a new area. The rabbit groups in SW Uganda have been very successful over the last 2 years and he is excited to start up a new project in partnership with our friends at Fuel Uganda.
- Turkey training and distribution (in Lomorucubae). Within the next few months, Daniel is hoping to help with a training and then distributing 70 turkeys to vulnerable families in 3 villages around Lomorucubae. This will include a neighboring village that is made up of almost all members of a popular cult (Branhamites) where we have been trying to build trust. Because of some projects we have done there previously, they have invited us to come back for more projects and for Bible storying as well.
- Rabbit distribution to pastors (in Obule). Over the last year, Daniel has been meeting with a group of church leaders and community members who have formed a rabbit club. They are nearing the end of

their training, so plans are in place to help each member start out their own project with a loan of a rabbit pair. orphan, etc.), sharing the rabbit curriculum with them, and then giving them 2 of their rabbit offspring. In this way, the church members will have more opportunities to reach out to their own communities and share the love of Christ with their neighbors.

Furlough Plans

Wow. I can't believe that this is seriously a heading in our prayer letter. We don't actually have a lot of furlough information to share at the moment but we thought we would start talking about it because it is just around the corner. At this point we hope to be in the US by October but that is dependent on a court date and visa approval for Nathan (see prayer requests). We will be looking for housing and a vehicle for about 6 months while we visit supporters and friends and finish Nathan's adoption. At the point the plan is to stay in the Portland area with a couple trips to Seattle, Southern California and Kentucky.

Prayer Requests

Our newly married friends. Kenneth & Rose and Sam & Dorothy as they begin their new lives together.

Daniel's upcoming projects. Trainings, distributions and a lot of travelling over the next couple of months will keep us very busy. Pray for the participants and the recipients.

Furlough plans. Our first visit to the US is tentatively scheduled for the end of this year and there are many details that need to be taken care of between now and then.

The ongoing adoption process. Pray for us as we gather documents, pray for the officials who will be reviewing our case and for the funds to complete the process.

Friends, we thank God for your intercession on our behalf and your partnership in this ministry. What a blessing it is to know that this work is covered in prayer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel & Rachel". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

"...Our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ...gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are His Very Own, eager to do what is good."

Titus 2:13-14

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