



Wings of Healing-South Sudan

"But for you who fear My Name, the Son of righteousness will rise with healing in His wings." Malachi 4:2a

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Prayers & Praises

- Praises for a safe arrival and good health.
- Praise Him for keeping us in His will and helping us to start over.
- Praise Him that we are not broken-hearted but focusing on what comes ahead.
- Pray for finances to build the ministry in Uganda.
- Pray for protection and health for us as we move through this process!

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WHERE WE ARE NOW!

I arrived to Africa just 4 short weeks ago. It seems like much longer. The first few weeks I connected with people; my African family, friends and ministry partners.

Planning what comes next is quite the chore when everything has been turned upside down because of war. We have begun the process of NGO registration which is tedious, long and expensive in Uganda. But first, I must apply for a work permit. We need an agent to walk the papers through the system for both of these, necessary to accomplish these tasks. Next month I will meet with a lawyer to finalize the paperwork before submitting it.

Right now I am in northern Uganda trying to build a home/office just 30 minutes from the refugee camps where we will work. I thank God for 2 donations that came in

just before I boarded the airplane for Uganda which have gotten us started. We visited 2 camps to bring food and supplies. We saw so much need.

We are praying about the focus of the ministry in the camps. It is a huge problem and our focus must be narrow to be effective. We will help those whom the Lord brings to us! The Lord gave me this scripture in July 2010, almost 7 years ago.

"The afflicted and needy are seeking water, but there is none, and their tongue is parched with thirst; I, the LORD, will answer them Myself, as the God of Israel, I will not forsake them."
 Isaiah 41:17

I know this is for now. He will direct our paths and show us the way. Many are coming to help and if we all focus on His will and not our own He will do a mighty work with the needy and afflicted.

Pray that we will clearly hear what He would have us do. We are building a team of hard working, God-fearing people that will live and work in the camps!



Heading north to build a home

The Compound in South Sudan

The board members worked hard to get some of our largest assets out of South Sudan while they were also trying to evacuate their homes and families. All the solar and farming equipment, a lot of the files and some of my personal possessions were recovered.

Unfortunately, we are now getting reports that the rest of the compound has been looted. War!

Because Kinyiba is in a rebel-held area, some of the locals are allowed to travel in and out to harvest food due to the lack of supply in the camps.

It seems that all the locks were broken except for the one room that Johnson was staying in which he had padlocked. Twelve bunk beds were removed from our 5 rooms and all the furniture from my house. People we know and even our neighbors are the

ones doing this. Pray for His heart of forgiveness to reign in me.

Because they couldn't cut the lock on Johnson's room, they went into the crawl space and broke through the ceiling even though there was nothing of value in the room.

The report is that 2 bunk beds are still in there. We may have someone retrieve these, God willing.

A few months ago, we paid a truck to go in and they retrieved 50 pieces of mahogany "1"x12"x7" that Johnson can use to make new furniture.

My Honda motorcycle is safe. Jacob and Carol Lee of Reaching Africa's Unreached have been

storing this and other equipment for us.

God's elect are never forsaken! He will return what the thief meant for harm, and instead He will be glorified by His will in my life.

"For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions."
 Matthew 6:14-15



Pray that we will be back home soon.



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THOUGHTS FROM MY HEART...

I can't tell you how wonderful it is to put cancer behind me and to be back in Africa. I am sad that we are not able to go home to Kinyiba but I am sure that God can be glorified by the work to be done in the camps.

I came while still healing from a surgical wound. I keep it clean and covered so I will heal properly. I also have really been affected with gut problems since I arrived. I don't have the African stomach that can handle anything any longer. People say

“come home” but I am home. My heart is so healthy here. I keep thinking about Paul's words, “to live is Christ, to die is gain” and “pick up your cross daily.” This I will do! I will not quit because of a few attacks. For example, every time we head to the camps we get a puncture in a tire. We fix it and continue!

I rest frequently and stay in fellowship with friends and my Lord! I do ask you to bring my health to prayer when you think of me. But I will not be moved.

“One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD and to meditate in His temple. For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle; In the secret place of His tent He will hide me; He will lift me up on a rock. And now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me, and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD”
Psalm 27:4-6

Love, Amanda

WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP!!!

NEEDS AT A GLANCE

Our biggest need—
****INCREASED MONTHLY SUPPORT!**

- \$1500—*new tires (tires blew, recent trip)*
- \$1500—*land purchase, close to refugee camps*
- \$500—*finish house*
- \$4500—*land purchase, Ag Program*

God is providing direction and guidance as we ask Him to show us how to proceed.

The small lot we are building on is just a little bigger than the house, but we have the opportunity to buy the lot next door for around \$1500 which would triple the lot size and give us room to grow.

We are starting an agricultural program in Bombo, near Kampala, on Johnson's family land. It is still in negotiation but we should be able to purchase 3 acres next to his property with a house that needs a little repair for about \$4500.

We have most of the building

materials to finish the house we are working on but need about \$500 more to complete it and hook-up electrical service.

Our support is averaging \$3500, monthly, most of which goes to educate our 15 students — almost 5 times the cost as in South Sudan—but they are getting a good education.

The cost of operating in Uganda is about 3 times the cost of South Sudan and we need 3 more people on staff to work full-time in the camps.

We are moving 2 of our families, the mother of my Juru Rose and her 4 other children and our worker, Enya, who is raising her 4 orphaned grandchildren, to Bombo so the younger children can receive an education and the women can work the farm. They are very excited to leave the camps and start a life in a safe and fertile place.

I have begun the process of getting my work permit and I've been working on the constitution, project plans and budget for NGO registration, which can

take up to a year. Be praying for us that God can make it run smoothly and open doors that are needed.

A heartfelt “Thank you” for supporting us over the years. We are also so grateful for your special gifts in this needy time. You have grown this ministry and increased the work we do. WoH is not about buildings but about people. However, buildings are necessary.

I thank God for all the family He has given me just as He promises in Mark 10—along with persecutions. Even now, I am staying with lovely friends. While we build, they refuse rent. Praise God!

So, this is what we are facing.

Please search your hearts about increasing your monthly support or giving special gifts so that we can, again, establish this work and ministry. **If you have never given, now is the time!!!**

May God bless you all!!!!



Agriculture land in Bombo



Property we need in Bombo



Roadside attractions



The foundation is finished!



Susan and Stella at school in camps



Delivering supplies to Pastor Alex



Happy time with Enya in camps



Visiting my sister Joyce



Namadi's Home