

"Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him." James 1:12

Trials, Challenges, and Victories

I pray you are all well, in good health and full of love for the Lord.

My last report to you was in April when I came to the US for a lung cancer report that turned out to be a false diagnosis. Praise the Lord for a healing! Since then, it seems like the trials have never stopped.

On the fourth of June, I was in Kampala selling fifteen goats, buying a new male goat, and working on the pickup when I was knocked down by a vehicle and severely hit the back of my head resulting in a traumatic head injury.

I'm finally almost feeling 100%. I praise God that I did not die, for it was a serious injury that had me in bed for 10 days unable to eat, think, recognize people, or know where I was.

During the 3 weeks in Kampala, the guesthouse where I was staying stole money from my purse. Our mechanic also charged us for parts which he never actually changed (I wasn't able to keep watch on him while he was working). The girls that stole the money from me while I was in bed kept proclaiming, "We are Born Again!" Pray for the hearts of the people, especially those claiming to be Christian.

I spent the last part of my time in Kampala at the Johnson's home (friends), which was a blessing. He drove me in the poorly running pickup, which couldn't be fixed due to the lack of money back on the farm.





When I reached home, I found my new workers had done nothing during the three weeks I was gone. The place was so bushy that I missed pulling into my gate. Also, all our young bananas were eaten by the turkeys due to lack of care. It still is a mess.

Dealing with Conflict

It seems there was fighting after we sent our trusted worker Bennart to the fishpond so he could take care of the place. Susan, his wife and our cook, stayed behind with Josephine, who had just arrived with her husband, Anthony. Josephine, got it in her head that Susan wanted her husband.

We got phone calls from neighbors about yelling and physical fighting when Susan was being attacked by Josephine. She was punching and even hitting Susan in the head with sticks. We had many conversations with Josephine, but she really was unreachable. It took a few days after being home and many conversations, prayer intervention, and proclaiming Scripture before the attacks on Susan cleared. Josephine is now peaceful. Praise the Lord!

A few days later, I drove (my 1st time in a month) to go to the fishponds and fire our worker Opio. He wasn't even feeding the fish or staying at home. Instead, he was selling the fish, going out to bars, smoking opium, getting in fights, and robbing people. Bennart is keeping the place well for now.

God's Plan is Greater

While in Gulu, I called old friends, Mansuk and Scovia, just for a time of prayer and a meal. God showed up mightily! We are now collaborating with Bibles and reading glasses, which I bring from the US for their new ministry. I love how God's plan is greater than ours!

It looks like our Lord has much for me to do and He's not ready for me to be taken yet. I praise God that he's using me even in my weakness and during such difficult times.



The kids will come on my birthday (August 20th)

from school. We will have time together as well as extra hands to manage getting the farm back to it's usual beautiful shape.

Our sixteen scholarship kids go back to school on September 16th, so please consider donating an extra gift for school fees and a possible holiday trip to the game park for our eight wonderful kids at home!

"Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights..." James 1:17

All of you are gifts to me from our Father of Lights. Thank you for partnering with us as we raise godly young adults and do what we can to support other indigenous ministries spreading the Gospel.

Frayers

- Continued peace at home.
- A good worker for the fishponds so Bennart can come back.
- My continued healing and strength.
- That I continue to be led by Holy Spirit and lead by God's example.
- That the new ministry collaboration glorify Him and help reach the unreached in the nearby refugee camp.
- A happy and healthy time with our kids on their holiday.

Thank you for your continued partnership in the Gospel.



In His Hands,

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