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Mark 12:30-31 "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these"

HOME IN JINJA

I cannot believe it has been a month since I have arrived in Jinja. We are in our dry season now, which will last for a few months. It is not as hot as the dry season one experiences during December through February. The breezes are blowing from Lake Victoria making the weather really nice today.

I just chased a bunch of chickens out of the house. They like to get in the doorway and listen to my gospel music with the added effects of a couple of roosters outside with their constant crowing ability. How enjoyable!

The Sperlings and the Boones (missionaries with Equip) have taken me under their wings and I could not ask for better mentors. What a privilege to learn from their experiences!

I was just in time to meet up with the Wise family before their return to the States. They were looking at the possibilities of serving the Lord in Jinja.



"God Spared My Life"

Mark Wise and I went several times to Jinja Hospital to visit and pray for one particular Muslim man named Musisi. We would bring him food each day since he had no family to depend on. The families are the ones who do the cooking and laundry for the patient. If you do not have family or a kind neighbor to bring you food, you do not eat. Sometimes we were not allowed in the building when examinations were going on, so we became quite creative and would visit through the window outside. After Musisi was discharged, he told us he knew God had spared his life and so he gave his heart to the Lord. He even quit drinking. Recently, he has received devastating news that he is positive for HIV and may also have liver cancer. Continue to pray for him during these difficult days and more importantly that he will continue to grow in the Lord.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1) Language studies begin in July with Ali
- 2) Building relationships and sharing with the women in Masese 3 village
- 3) Lord's daily guidance and wisdom in learning to work with the Karamojong
- 4) Lord's protection for health

Hospitals here are seen in a negative way because many of the people who go there think they will die. And quite a few do die because they delay too long for treatment. Usually it is because they have so little money. This leads many of them to turn to cheaper, traditional medicines rather than going to a hospital. As a result, people with illnesses such as malaria will often delay care for as long as possible before seeking treatment. Waiting can result in increased hospital expenses, serious illness, or even death for some patients.

HIV/AIDS is prevalent here in Jinja and there is much work to be done to stem the spread of HIV as well as to care for people living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

We have found a wonderful place, Family Hope Center, that will test and treat those we bring in from Masese 3 village.

PRAISES

The Lord answered your prayers! Praise the Lord!

- 1) I arrived safely and had transportation to get to Kampala and Jinja.
- 2) All my luggage arrived together at the same time.
- 3) The Lord has provided an amazing place for me - it is an efficiency apartment in town. I have electricity and running water.

JULIET

Juliet is one of our ladies who belongs to our Women's Group, which meets every Tuesday. These women are generating an income for themselves by making beads. We meet in a local church, and its members encourage these women with God's Word and pray that they will enter a new life with Christ. Many of these women have come from a life of prostitution and/or alcoholism.

About 3 weeks ago, we took the ladies into town to open their very own bank accounts. They were absolutely thrilled and felt quite the accomplished ladies. It was fun to watch them fill out their applications and get their pictures taken. Some who could not write their names on their forms would put their thumbprint down for their signature. What a blessing to see how God is working in their lives!

Juliet was admitted to Jinja hospital two weeks ago with malaria and also diagnosed with active tuberculosis. Each day I would visit her and tell her how much God loved her and that we were praying for her everyday. Usually the patients have nothing to do all day – no devotions on a daily basis that I have seen, no radios, music, books. Many cannot read. So, I thought Juliet would enjoy the Proclaimer I brought back from the States in the Luganda language. (A Proclaimer is a solar digital player dedicated to playing God's Word in the local heart language.) I showed Juliet how to use the Proclaimer and to charge it up in the sun after 17 hours of use.

The next day when I came to visit her, she was upset because the Proclaimer was not working. What a surprise! She had listened to God's Word until the player ran out of power. All it needed was to sit out in the sun for a while to charge. I was so excited. What is better than listening to God's Word when you are sick?

Juliet has not been released from the hospital yet but is doing better. Continue to pray for her healing and that she will continue to grow in the Lord.

The diseases and illnesses in Masese village are very overwhelming. I visit the hospital often since we usually have some of our people from Masese there during the week. While we pray for them, other patients and families ask us to pray for them also.

"FAITH COMES BY HEARING"



It has been very beneficial working with other organizations in the area. Across the Nile River is Kungu village where we have the moms come in for prenatal care and learn about family planning. At the same time, we have a clinic for the new babies.

Last week I traveled to Masaka and Malango (about 5-6 hour drive from Jinja) and visited a couple of the schools. My! I am thankful for our educational system and excellent health care. One will not see cow dung floors in our schools or a school without textbooks. There is a possibility that we may be able to help our kids in Masese School by doing health assessments and helping the very fragile families.

I want to thank you for your continued prayers and participation in this ministry!! It seems like every other day we are taking people to the hospital or buying medicines for the ones in the village who cannot afford them. Because of you, we are able to provide for these needy families. It is only as we love God supremely that we can fulfill the second commandment- to love our neighbors as ourselves.



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