

TLC UGANDA

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Healing the sick

In keeping with our mission, when we found those who were sick and unable to get treatment, we helped. At least two such lives were potentially saved during my 90-day trip.



WEND Africa

We partnered with WEND Africa to sponsor one woman who was abandoned by her husband and deprived of her three children. A recently saved Christian, she is learning the tailor trade, determined to be independent enough to regain her children.



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Learning the language

My tutor, Beatrice, taught me basic Acholi Luo over my three-month stay, and has encouraged me to walk the markets and talk to strangers. The astonishment on the faces of the Acholi who hear a foreigner speaking their language never gets old. I am assured that folks who laugh are responding to the thought of Luo coming out of an American mouth and not my pronunciation. Teacher Beatrice, along with her husband Simon, and baby Divine Marie, all made me very welcome, not just in the culture, but in their family.



Building careers & relationships

We have begun sponsoring several healthcare students as they develop their skills and advance their various certifications. Janet has begun nursing school in pursuit of her dreams. Nurse Patrick has begun his training as a clinical officer (like a physician's assistant). Brenda is advancing her training from Certificate to Diploma Midwife. Clinical Officer Jenifer is receiving specialized training in sonography. We are amazed and proud of these four. Though they are not required to, each of them has expressed a strong interest in joining our team at TLCU.





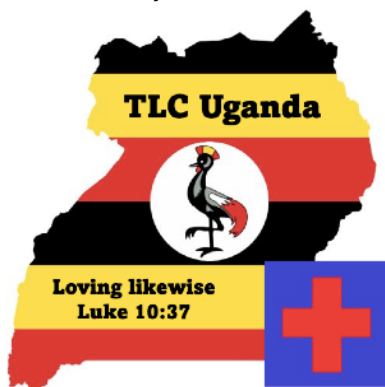
Rescued from a rock quarry

This woman had been abandoned by her husband and was left with two small girls to raise alone. In order to feed her family, she worked from sunup to sundown breaking rocks in a nearby quarry. We managed to provide her a micro-loan to start a market at her home, so she could watch over her girls and provide for their meals.

Prayers

Pray for our sponsored students, for Cindy's parents who are in poor health, and for the physicians who will repair my shoulder. Pray for guidance and provision for this ministry.

Stories by Todd Lemmon



Helping at-risk women gain their independence

Uganda is a wonderful place, but it is not perfect. One characteristic it lacks is respect for women. Gender disparity is a plague in Uganda where many men take multiple wives, and randomly discard them. An estimated 2.6 million Ugandans are orphaned with no one to champion their dreams. Others are squelched by chronic poverty from which there is no amount of work that can free them. We are doing our best to empower Ugandan women. First, we teach them positive reinforcement with the simple statement: "I am a powerful Ugandan woman, loved by God and saved by grace." It is life changing when a young lady with a crushed spirit says such a thing. It is even more amazing when they begin to believe and live it! Next we help with a hand-up, not a hand-out. School loans and business micro-loans are given or sponsorships bestowed to help these ladies make the most of their own lives.



What's next?

I spent several days of the trip touring sites for our mission's new home. I looked at farmland, some of which would have been ideal if it had not been ten miles off the main road. One vacant health center (pictured at right) is situated exactly where we are called to serve, but it needs a lot of repair. The landlady offered it to us for 1.5 million Uganda shillings (\$428) per month, but wanted two years rent in advance to begin repairs (which were not guaranteed). Her family is discussing whether they will sell the property outright instead. We are still receiving notices of plots of land for sale. Rumors of a land buyer in the area spread fast.



I will be going for surgery to repair my shoulder, and will have my strong arm immobilized for at least six weeks. As I recover, I will become a grandpa, and spend baby's first Christmas in the US.

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