# TLC UGANDA

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#### **Student progress**

We either sponsor or have



given student loans to six students – two in secondary school, two nursing

students, and two medical students. The term is wrapping up and we are proud to report that all of them are doing well. One has even graduated from high school! We are very excited for her, and look forward to helping her get situated in whatever is next. She has an amazing spirit and would make a great adminstrative worker at TLCU.



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## God bless your family this Christmas & New Year!



We pray for God's richest blessings for you and yours, not just this festive season, but the whole year through. First world Christmas concerns have Americans buzzing about for tinsel and toys, but many of our brothers and sisters on the other side of the globe are not hoping for glitter or gifts, but for a chance to get enough to eat. Ugandan children, even those with no parents, are returned to their home village at Christmas, some to supportive extended families, but others to conditions where

there is no food, shelter, or safety from violence. When you are tempted to feel disappointed with Santa's deliveries, try to remember that, no matter what is in your stocking, the Incarnation is worth celebrating every hour of every day.

### Florida for recovery

This has been a season for surgeries and recovery for Todd and patient care-giving for Cindy. After over a year of suffering with multiple rotator cuff tears, Todd finally had corrective surgery in October and has been nursing his gimpy fin ever since. As if living

with one useful arm wasn't good enough for him, Todd also had podiatric surgery in November. The hope is that his shoulder and foot will be full strength for the Lemmon's January trip when both he and Cindy will head back to Uganda.



#### Tender Loving Care

TLC includes caring for the sick

(Matthew 10:8, Luke 10:37). The sick or endangered who came to our attention were assessed and treated even while we remained in



Florida this quarter. Five were assessed and treated in hospital, several received malaria or typhoid treatment, and two got eye exams. One teenage girl had surgery to save her life and got necessary follow-up treatment when her wound reopened. We were shocked when one of our patients told us she had to wait until daylight to seek treatment because her neighbors are cannibals and may capture her if she came upon them at night.

#### **Prayers**

Please pray for our sponsored students and patients, for Cindy's family who is grieving the loss of her dad, for our new granddaughter, and for Todd's physical recovery. Pray for guidance and provision for this ministry.



#### What it means to be independent and donor-funded

One question we often hear is, "Are you deploying with an organization?" The answer is that TLC Uganda is organized as its own entity, but is funded by you and folks just like you. We rely on our partners for prayer and support. "Don't you have a sending church?" Yes, we do! And the support with which they send us amounts to 5% of our launching needs. That is where you come in. Pray about becoming a sponsoring partner, but also consider what organizations you influence. Do you hold sway with a potential corporate sponsor? We would love for you to share your passion for this ministry with others, and let us know how we can help connect. Remember to direct them to TLCUganda.com/donate.

#### Personal update

Cindy's father shed his earthly body August 24th. Since then, Cindy has been both grieving the loss of her dad and managing the care of her mother, who has memory deficits.

Cindy and Todd became grandparents on November 2nd, when Richard and Becca Lemmon announced the arrival of their baby girl, Florence "Flori" Charlene Lemmon.

#### What's next?

At the start of the New Year, Cindy and Todd will again depart for Uganda to meet with and assess the welfare of each of our sponsored students, as well as meet and greet friends and renew fellowships. School resumes in mid-January, so we have to be quick to see everyone before Cindy's two weeks are up. Todd will remain for another ten weeks, while he seeks to secure property and a secure structure for meeting and storage close to our target population in Minakulu. The vacant hospital in Minakulu still sits unoccupied, and we hope to begin negotiations with the family

that owns it. A work permit cannot last longer than a currently held passport, so we have renewed our old passports so Todd can take another run at the Ugandan NGO Board and Immigration Office.



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