

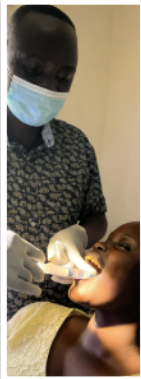
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Sharon is Home



Sharon, a young pastor with a degenerative bone condition (pictured above with crutches), came into our sponsorship in 2020 when she got her first of two hip replacements. She and her attendants came to Gulu for her 2nd hip replacement,



then moved into our home for convalescence. We introduced her to our dentist friend, Dr. Morris, who did a root canal and some much-needed reconstruction. When we delivered her to her remote home village, we endowed her small church with solar lights to illuminate her all-night prayer meetings.



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UG Corporation Formed

In the previous newsletter, we were preparing for our July departure for Uganda, primarily to form our Ugandan corporation so we could continue business even in our absence and buy land without the customary “jubilee” return of the property to its original tribe after 99 years. We formed **Tara Maleng Ministries Uganda Limited**



with directors Patrick, Prisca, Janet, Cindy, and Todd. In Luo, Tara Maleng means “divine light,” and it is the divine light of God’s loving care that we mean to shine for our brothers and sisters in northern Uganda.

In related news, our American corporation achieved its 501(c)(3) status late last year, so now your contributions are tax-deductible, and we can begin applying for grants and corporate sponsorships.

Our Mission Has a Home!

After a very long search and delays which could only have been divine in purpose we have found an amazing 7.9-acre lot, not in Oyam District as we had earlier planned, but in Omoro District, where we already live. The change occurred because another healthcare ministry formed a clinic where we were planning to, and we want to be sure we plant our ministry where the need is great. The change to Omoro District means we will remain in Acholiland, where we have lived and studied the language.

The lot is five minutes from our apartment, so we can keep renting and commuting while we build. The overseeing government offices are much more convenient, and there is a community well next door, eliminating the need for a water-sharing program.



Traditional Marriage



At Cindy's insistence, Todd remained in Uganda to assist with and attend the traditional marriage ceremony of Nancy and Patrick, two of our valuable team members. Todd was honored as Patrick's father through the event.

Respite Disturbed

Often, our home in Koro serves as a respite for others. Our record is 19 people staying overnight in our 2-bedroom house. One night in October, when 9 of us were there asleep, robbers drugged us with chloroform spray through the window and then helped themselves to what they could reach with a stick. Please remember to pray for our security while you pray for our provision.

Ongoing Ministry

Even without a clinic we still do what we can for those we find in need of God's healing mercy. We helped several get life-saving treatments or dental work, and continue to do so even stateside.



Stories by Todd Lemmon

Trouble Leads to New Blessing

We own a '94 Toyota van which spends a lot of time in a mechanic's garage. We also own a little motorcycle because it drinks far less fuel than the van. We were considering adding a small vehicle to our fleet when we were threatened with eviction so our landlord could do repairs. While we frantically searched for a new home and our car was without an engine, we bought a motorized trike, locally called a "tuk-tuk," something we expected to buy in the future, but which now seemed necessary for the move. It turns out, our landlord rescinded our eviction notice, instead offering us our neighbor's apartment for the duration of the repairs. Still, our Lil' Mule is a major blessing, one which we share with our missionary neighbor while we are away.



Bakery Babies

"Little Biscuit," Clinical Officer Jenifer's daughter, was born 5 months premature, and 5 months later we met her on her due date. Another of our friends was pregnant with no resources for emotional support or medical advice. After Nurse Todd spent some time reassuring and educating her, she asked him to be there through the delivery, name the baby, and be his godfather. The baby flipped a lot in the womb and so earned the nickname "Chapati" (a Ugandan flapjack) though his real name is Joshua (after Yeshua). This is what his mother said to Todd one afternoon through tear-drenched eyes:

"I could never imagine anyone loving my baby and me like you have! You have seriously shown me the love of God through your own care."

Cindy Diagnosed with Breast Cancer...Again

In November Cindy received word that her 29-year remission was over. She has undergone a double mastectomy and has begun prophylactic chemotherapy though she is now cancer-free.



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