

Father to the Fatherless

Ministering to the street children, orphans, single mothers, and widows in Uganda.

Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our heavenly Father is this: to visit the widow and orphan in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. ~James 1:27



Thanks be to God, our Community is Growing!

In April, 2016, Father to the Fatherless took a group of 22 volunteers to our land in Namuganga Village, outside Kampala, Uganda. God blessed our trip and continues to bless the F2F ministry.

Many people in the village near our land do not know Christ. For many years a huge tree had stood in the village and was worshipped as a god by many of the villagers. During the mission trip in April, we cut down the tree and again proclaimed Christ as the one true God. That tree, much to the surprise of many villages, never brought itself back up from the ground. Since then, it has been cut into beautiful slices of hardwood. We are still debating what to do with the wood... (See some pictures on FB)



Building the Primary School

We have opened the next phase of F2F - building the primary school on our land in Namuganga. Once we raise \$20,000, construction on **Phase 1** can begin; we are half way there! Over \$10,000 has already been donated toward the project (which will likely take \$130,000 to build and furnish). Praise be to God!

Upcoming fundraisers for the school include new t-shirts and the event on November 12th →

*****NEW EVENT*****

**“Break the Cycle of Poverty”
Music, Activities, Presentation
to Support F2F Ministries**

Saturday, November 12, 6-9pm

Lincoln Park Barn, 910 N. 12th St., Grand Junction

Admission is free, but RSVP is required!

(Visit our website or Facebook to RSVP)

Food provided by Ribber BBQ Catering

Children are welcome; no childcare will be provided.

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Following God's Call: The Jordan's Join F2F in Uganda

"I just moved here from Alabama." That's how it all started. A missionary pastor from Alabama just entered my life. One minute I was living a life for myself and then God reached down from heaven and sent someone to tell me who He was. Actually, He had sent many people in my life but this would be the final one who would eventually convince me to live my life for Jesus. But let me back up to tell you the whole story of who I was and who I am today.

I grew up in a very "good" family. My parents were hard workers and always provided for us. We never went without a roof over our heads or a meal in our stomachs, even if it was just beans. My parents instilled morals in us, just like many of you. Don't kill, steal, lie, cheat, and be respectful of our elders. But our house was not centered on Jesus Christ as the giver of those morals. Consequently, when I became older, I began to do as I pleased. To make a long story short, I lived a life that was very pleasing to myself but not pleasing to God at all. Recently I asked my mother what she thought the biggest difference she noticed from who I was before Christ; she said "Before you got saved, you were very focused on yourself. Now you seem to be more concerned with others." That is about as accurate a statement as I could think of to express who I was. I was very focused on myself. Then I met a missionary...

Meeting Chad was the best day of my life. God could have chosen anyone to reach me but He chose him and Chad obediently responded. He was patient and answered all my questions and was even blunt when I needed it. He challenged me to look at the life I was living and made me question

what I believed about myself. In the end, I knew there was only one way to respond and so, one evening after Wednesday night service, Yvette and I knelt down and prayed for God to forgive us. We dedicated our lives to His service.

Fast forward to today. I have been a Sunday School Teacher, Associate Pastor, Youth Pastor, and for a short time, Pastor. I have led small groups and Bible studies, as well as mentored men in our church. I have taught evangelism courses and directed outreach ministries. I have preached on the streets of Kathmandu, Nepal, led services, and helped build a home in San Luis Rio Colorado, Mexico. I have led young men and women of God on a mission to Brazil where we spent time refurbishing an orphanage, making friends and sharing Christ with those who would listen. In all, I have been blessed to preach the Gospel and share the love of Christ in five countries on four continents. Now, God has something new for me.

In January of this year, I was asked by my friend, Mathias, to join him on a mission trip to his homeland in Uganda. After praying and seeking council, I decided that my son, Brendan, and I would go with him. Our goal on the trip was to seek God's vision for this ministry and how we could be part of what He was doing through Father to the Fatherless. Ultimately, we were asking God if He wanted us to move there full-time for ministry. During our trip, we were able to serve in a medical clinic, play with the local youth, preach during a crusade, and worship with fellow believers in the Ugandan Church. We made friends and developed lifelong

relationships. But it was not immediately obvious to me where we fit in the ministry. One of the ladies who went on our trip spoke about how she almost didn't go on the trip. She had medical issues that almost prevented her from being able to travel. During that time, she had made peace with not being able to go to Uganda. She was "faithful to go and faithful to not go" as she said. She only wanted what God had for her, whether it was to go to Uganda or to stay and pray for those who would go. And at the time, I felt God telling me the same thing. As much as I wanted to be "drawn" to Uganda, I just didn't feel it was the right move. I was being "faithful to go and faithful to not go," despite my desire.

After getting home, I made all sorts of excuses for why we couldn't/wouldn't go to Uganda for a longer term. "It was hot," "It was humid," "The bugs could walk off with small children," "It is so different than anything we have ever done." But the more excuses I made the more God called out to me. The final straw was when I started thinking about the day that I would die. Standing before God, and Him asking "Why didn't you go to Uganda? I gave you every opportunity." I thought about what I would say? "Sorry, but it was uncomfortable!" That wasn't going to be adequate. In being faithful to "stay", God opened my heart to "go." So I spoke with my wife and she agreed that we would make a commitment to move Uganda for one year.

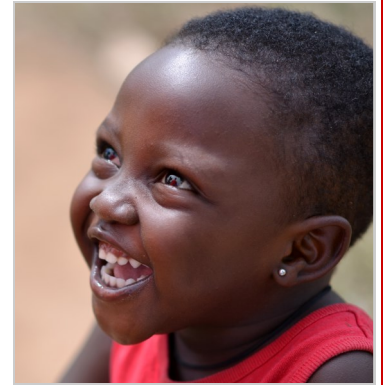
Many doors had to open in order for us to make this move. From being able to rent out our home that we just purchased, to seeking approval from the leaders in our church, to being



Christ Embraced!

The church body has outgrown the indoor space, and is now meeting outdoors, under tarps.

Many people took the long walk down to the swampy area between Namuganga and Mityana to be baptized and publicly proclaim their faith - so amazing to witness!



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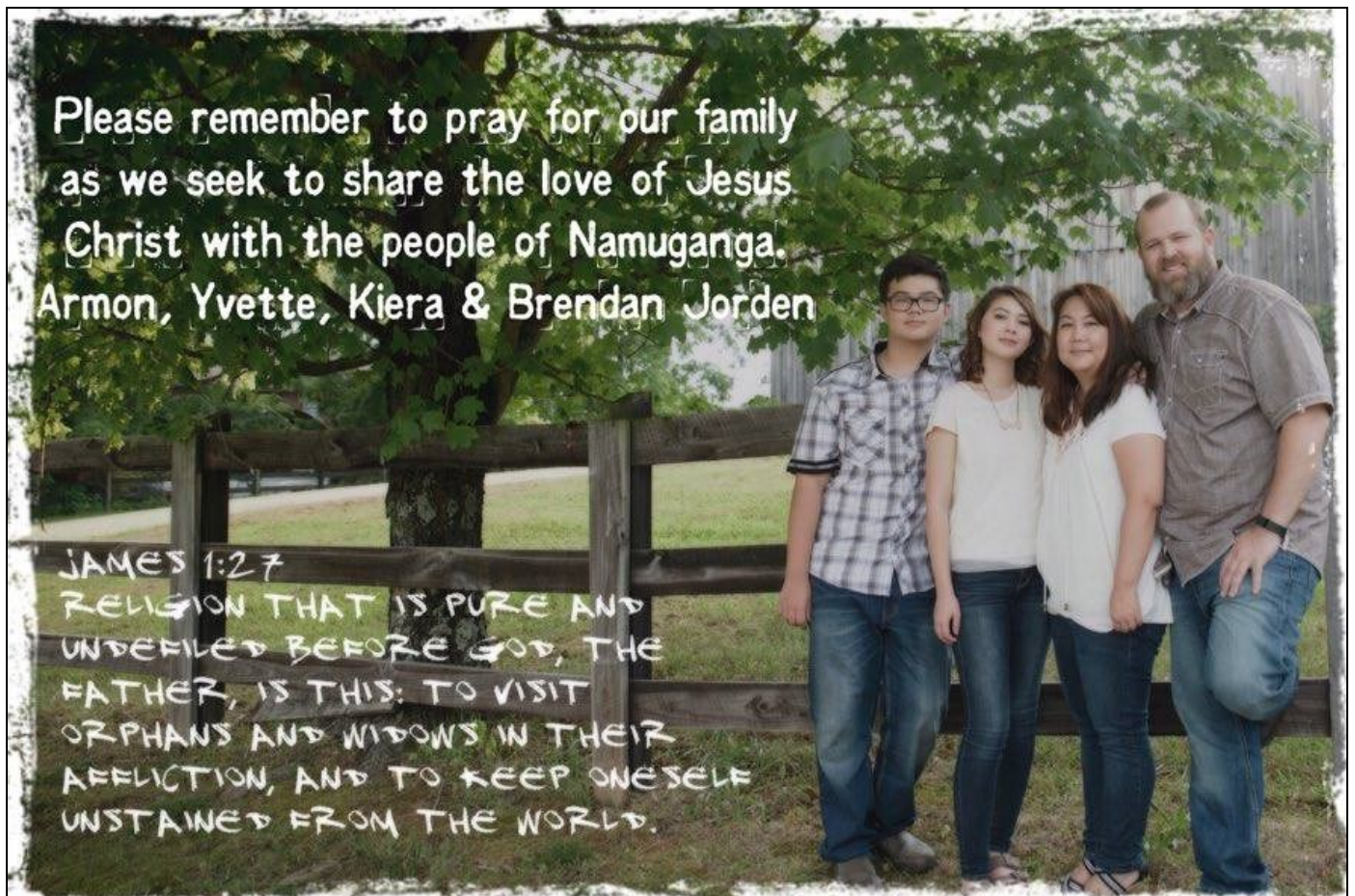
able to pay off our debt before we moved. Each and every obstacle that was in our way began to be removed: the money to fix our home up, the blessing of the leaders and finding temporary jobs with very good pay to help with our debt. Things began to fall in line, one obstacle after another started lying down like dominoes fall-

ing, one after another after another and continue to do so.

So here we are, less than a month away from this adventure beginning. Not every obstacle has fallen, not everything has gone our way, but we are trusting that God is in control and whatever the world has to throw at us, we can overcome. We look for-

ward to what God has for the people of Uganda and what He has for us as we are obedient to His word. Please pray for us and follow our journey on Facebook. Just search for "Jordan's Journey" and join our group for more updates.

Thank you and May God Guide and Bless You.



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Mission Trip, April 2016

Changed Lives



Kelsey Brunner



Kelsey Brunner & Emily Marbas, Namuganga, Uganda

I was most impacted by the unstoppable joy that the people of Uganda exuded. The people were so colorful both in their clothing and their personalities. Whomever I had the opportunity to speak to or simply be around, they always had a smile on their face. The children simply wanted to hold your hand and sing and dance with you. It was the most wonderful experience to be around people who find genuine happiness in those around them and the presence of the Holy Spirit. Their smiles and the sound of their singing and laughter will stay in my memory forever.

Becca Steigerwalt

There were so many things that touched my heart and I cherish so dearly. The people's kindhearted servitude was humbling. We all went to serve and love on them but they definitely served us and loved on us more than I could have ever imagined.

I think the thing that impacted me the most was how everyone welcomed us with overwhelming love. When we pulled up to the property for the first time, everyone from the village surrounded the bus. As we stepped off the bus, everyone was saying "You are welcome! You are welcome!" They embraced us and would not let go. The love the Ugandans showed us filled my heart to the brim.



Dearest Sponsors, *thank you* for your generous support and love to the kids of F2F!

FOOTBALL MINISTRY IS IN FULL FORCE!



The uniforms that were donated are being used frequently, and those young men who are coming out to play are hearing the gospel every time that they lace up those cleats!



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