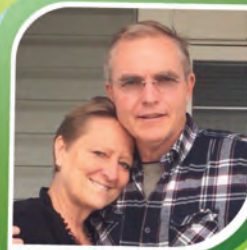


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Tim & Colleen
STEVENSON

MISSIONARIES TO UGANDA

January – March 2017



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 *2017 is well on its way.....*



Meanwhile, In East Africa....



Being presented with a cow

We have entered 2017 with a burst of activity, which is not new to us, but it certainly makes the time fly.

Our family Christmas was very special, as all our children came together to celebrate Christ's birth. Each one is keeping busy, and our grandkids are growing up quickly. We marvel at the way God allows us to meet up with family and keep our roots strong.

Travels have continued into Western Canada with visits in British Columbia, (BC) Alberta, and Saskatchewan. As we share with congregations and pastors, Christ's love bonds us and the realization of the vastness of God's family is very present. We visited Colleen's parents (the Hoffmans) while we were in BC over the New Year and found them well, healthy, and very busy. Our travels there ended in January; thankfully, the weather was not too bad. At our last church in Alberta, a prayer circle was held for us and this held so much meaning. February moved us on to traveling in the United States, which continues until the end of April.



A team from Uganda visited Rwanda and Congo to encourage the churches in addition to presenting some of the women's leaders with cows. They were delighted with such a large gift from the Christian Women's Connection (CWC). This will add to their income and give the family milk for consumption or sale. A special thanks to the donors who have such large hearts!!



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Testing out the newly drilled well

Three wells were drilled in the northern district of Pader from a private donation. There is nothing quite like clean drinking water that is accessible. Many of the community that were previously in internally displaced camps can now enjoy this generous and vital gift.

Children of Promise staff, founders, and directors celebrate 25 years



We are thankful for this sponsorship organization that has made such a difference in so many lives. We were blessed to be around Anderson to attend their open house celebrating 25 years and meeting sponsors who sponsor kids in 29 countries. Sponsors, you are a blessing!

We are excited to welcome a new missionary!



Medical care is one of the benefits from sponsorship. Becky had a tumour removed from between her nose, concluding a three-year process. She is so happy and has gone back to school in the northern part of the country. What a life change for her! This is just one testimony of the miracles that sponsorship brings in a child's life.



Becky and grandma ready to head home after a successful surgery

Finally, we can share the great news that Uganda has a missionary-elect in the works to join us in the capacity of medical overseer. We welcome Kaitlin Hope Smith with open arms as there is a desperate need for someone to visit clinics, coordinate, and give new vision for the medical program and staff. Pray for her as she begins fundraising to come. Yeah!

The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed.

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Travels through the USA & Eastern Canada



Colleen's parents planning their next adventure, Africa Nov 2017

this, whether as an individual or a congregation, please let us know (Project # 42.10078) or contact Global Strategy.

While in Ontario, once for a mission evening for the Eastern Canadian Church of God, and the other for a missions convention, we were able to visit Tim's family. It was a great time of catching up.

Home assignment slowly winding down...

We thank God for His protection as we have traveled 15,000 plus miles across five provinces and countless States. For those who we have met, you have blessed us, and for those we did not manage to see, we hope for a chance to do so in the future. Pray for Colleen as she has an upcoming surgery date for an incisional hernia on April 25. Tim will be returning to Uganda to receive teams arriving May 9, and Colleen will remain to recuperate from her surgery and continue raising funds until we meet our goal! We know God is faithful and does not forget us in these times. From Isaiah 8:6, The Message: *"And then I heard the voice of the Master, Whom shall I send? Who will go for us? I spoke up, I'll go, send me."* May God bless and keep you!

Tim and Colleen



Prayer circle in Paradise Valley



Tim with his mother and sister

Receiving new linens from the CWC



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