

July - September 2018

# NEWS on the NILE



*FOUR GENERATIONS*



*WITH THE GRANDKIDS*



*TURNING 60 – BIG MILESTONE*

## MID-YEAR HAS ARRIVED

July arrived with a flurry of activities and celebrations. The 1<sup>st</sup> was Canada's birthday in addition to being Colleen's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. Tim was not able to be present, but the children and grand-kids made sure it was special. Fireworks were in full array as the day came to a lovely close. With Tim being in Uganda and returning when possible to assist with Colleen's medical journey, it is sometimes difficult to keep track of everything. But, he was "home" for the operation where they removed any cancer spots from the liver, in addition to doing a splenectomy. This went smoothly, and recovery was quick! We praise the Lord for this and know the many prayers that went up on her behalf were heard.

## MIDLAND/SEARS CHURCH OF GOD MINISTRY TEAM

These two Michigan churches along with pastors, combined and sent out a team of 19 people to serve in various activities such as: TAPP (HIV/Aids program) leader project training, Medical facilities construction, meeting sponsored children, and ministering to children. Between working at the Kasubi Headquarters in Kampala, they also had time in the village on the lakeshores of Lake Victoria at Busiro, where Church of God has a center of our Church, a primary school with 1,200 children, and a grade 3 maternity clinic. In so many capacities they blessed and loved on the people. Thanks and appreciation go out to you all!



*Tim with Colleen at the hospital after surgery*



*Sponsors meeting their sponsor children at the Kasubi office*



*New moms at the clinic*



*Julie Wiseman teaching TAPP leaders*

## LEADERSHIP FOCUS KICKS OFF IN UGANDA

Pastors Jeanette Flynn & Greg Smith came to Uganda mid-August to engage in the Leadership Development training with 50 leaders from all regions attending. Several days of vision and missioning planning for the Church of God (U) were conducted and will conclude in November. The last couple days initiated preparing the new coaches for Leadership Focus (Core Discipleship Uganda). The program is unifying great networking channels with Germany, USA and Uganda at present, but other like-minded groups are also interested in joining the team. These will be on-going programs throughout the year, and of course there is great excitement about this and the projected factors it will stimulate in strengthening and expanding the church in general.



*The 50 leaders in discussion teams led by Pastor Greg*



*Leadership team with selected coaches*

### EXPERIENCE CHURCH (EC) YOUTH TEAM - CALGARY, ALBERTA

During this time, a youth team from Calgary arrived to programs in full swing. They were a team of 13, led by Missions Pastor Kyle Payne. This is their first time to come to Uganda, and we were excited to see such enthusiasm. Their main focus was reaching out to the S. Sudanese church in Moyo at the Refugee camp where there are thousands of refugees are seeking out a new life there. Under a large fig tree, there were services, sessions of teaching and lots of singing and dancing. Jesse, our son joined them for their time in the North, and really enjoyed the fellowship too. They are donating funds to build a Nursery School in this very area. So exciting!



*Tim with EC group under the fig tree in Palorinya Refugee Settlement, Moyo*



*Sunday service in Gulu town church, Pastor Kyle preaching*

### WICHITA TEAM

The beginning of September, a team of 14 arrived from Kansas to work on a Jjajja home in the Western part of the country. They first interacted in Kampala with TAPP, by officiating the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Tailoring and Hairdressing school in Mutungo, Kampala. A large number of students were able to graduate in style with some wonderful gifts that were given. They journeyed to the village and assisted in finalizing the grandma home for its big opening and celebration! While there, they witnessed severe medical needs, and hearts were touched to assist in treatment. What a blessing for the team to assist in medical care for these kids!

### FAMILY VISITS

As Tim was busy with teams in August, Colleen's parents came to visit and help with her post surgery care. It was a special time of enjoying some nearby trips to the mountains to see wildlife, have picnics, and appreciating each other's company. The time went so fast, and before we knew it, they were back on their way to British Columbia.



### AUGUST – A FULL MONTH OF TEAMS

August was a full month of various events and teams. Before the Leadership Focus Team left, our youth choir of 9, led by two sponsorship staff – Annie and Kasifa, went to Germany & Holland representing Global Voices along with a trio from Brazil. They toured for three weeks and did an amazing job. Five had never traveled outside of Uganda before, so it was a big eye-opener. We are so proud of their great accomplishment on behalf of Uganda in Europe. Big applause!



*Choir dressed in traditional dance costumes*



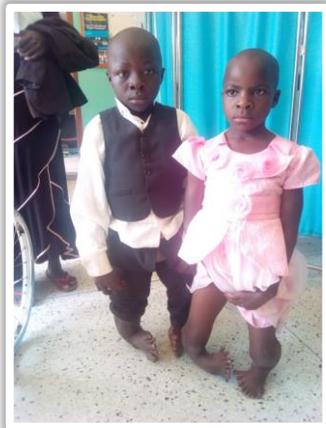
*Gifts from Upenda sponsors*



*Graduation of students from the TAPP tailoring & hair dressing school*



*Jjajja home opening in Katwe community, Mubende town*



Two in a set of triplets have polydactyly issues that require surgery, and other needs

Life is full of surprises and we are blessed to have family, friends and loving supporters who pray, support and encourage us along life's journey. We ask that you continue to do so, as this year starts to wind down. Colleen finishes her last chemotherapy treatment on October 29<sup>th</sup> and then tests to confirm and verify that she is done with cancer begin shortly after. God has been faithful, and we are so grateful miracles have been witnessed! As thanksgiving has been experienced in Canada and soon to be in the US, we are thankful for life and for a God who cares! We are also thankful for you!

Love and blessings,  
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## CHILDREN OF PROMISE TEAM MAKES TOUR TO N.E. UGANDA

This team of 5, led by Linda Mason, Executive Director of the Children of Promise, consisted of 3 sponsors and 2 office staff. Edrin Serwano, Colleen's assistant for the program, led the trip, as Colleen was still recuperating from surgery. They visited eight clusters in several districts, interviewing and interacting with sponsored kids and Upendo committees. It was a long trip, and several of the team were hit with stomach flu, but after treatment, managed to bounce back and finish well. We thank them for visiting the Upendo program which assists so many children. Big thanks go out to the sponsors of these children!



*Children welcoming the COP delegation in W. Pallisa district*



*Standing by the US flag in Sipi Falls cluster*

## FAMILY NEWS!

We are thrilled to share the news of our daughter, Natasha, who is engaged to be married to Matthew Grossman. Our prayer is that they have a wonderful marriage and a happy life together!



"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now..." (Philippians 1:3-5, NIV)