



"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up." ~James 4:10



MARTIN FAMILY MISSION

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Family Life

Happy Birthday Evan! Our little boy had his first birthday on January 23rd. It was a great time with many of our friends here in Fort Portal. Anaiah still sings Happy Birthday to him almost everyday (she is such a ham). We have settled back into life here in Uganda. Having 3 flat tires in 3 weeks helped to speed the adjustment time along :) The children are growing so fast that we can hardly believe it. Anaiah speaks in full sentences and is too smart for her own good. Evan is walking now. He started walking at about 10 1/2 months and he hasn't slowed down since. We



had a good Christmas. Anaiah loved telling Evan what to do, how to open presents, etc.

She is a very good big sister :) Now that our kids are settled in, Aimee is helping to teach Silas Cash and is enjoying the opportunity to teach again. We hosted a visitor (Jessica Bolt) for 3 weeks in January and had a great time. We took her to the Game Park and saw elephants, lions and all kinds of other animals. Aimee Jo took her shopping at a local market and we visited some church member's homes in the village as well. We enjoyed having her here with our family for a short time and we were glad to be able to show her a small piece of life here in Uganda.



Ministry Update

As we kicked off the New Year, we also kicked off some new ministry projects. We are implementing a new strategy for reaching out into our community. We are in the process of beginning two new "satellite" churches around Fort Portal town. Because of the fact that most people do not own vehicles it is difficult for families (especially the very old and very young) to attend church on a regular basis. So, we have decided to reach out to the people where they live. We are beginning Bible study/cell groups to foster more authentic Christian community in more areas around town. Jeff has been working with Derrick (a young volunteer in our town church) for many months in order to start a life care group in Derrick's village. We have seen a good turn out from interested people in that area and many of them have started to come to church on a regular basis. I have just begun to work with three men (Kibi, Frank & Edson) to do the same thing on the other side of town. We have just begun the process but have seen some encouraging signs that are motivating us to continue the exciting process of reaching out. We have also started a new program for the village church ministry. We have begun to put on monthly seminars for the village church leaders where we can give them much needed teaching and individual attention. In addition to teaching we use this time to coordinate our weekly village visits and larger area-wide programs for clusters of village churches. We are excited about the new plans for ministry and the opportunities for growth and maturity that they present. Please pray for our local leaders, that they will catch God's passion for reaching out to their communities.



Fort Portal town church property

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