

The Gardner Family

Ambassadors of Christ to the Ugandan People



Prayer Requests at a Glance

Dear Pastors and Friends,

It is neat to see God work through what can only be described as seasons of ministry. These past few months have been a season of building what has already begun instead of starting new things. I had the opportunity to travel to several village churches and preach for them. One church is in a village called Ngora. Although I have spent much time with the pastor, this was my first time visiting his Independent Baptist Church. They welcomed me and were very attentive to the sermon. After the invitation, a baptism service was held, and I had the privilege of baptizing 16 people who had just recently been saved in their church. The city church where I pastor held two baptism services of our own. Because Uganda is primarily a Catholic country, we hold baptism classes for the candidates before they get baptized so they will fully understand that this is a step of obedience to Christ and that it has nothing to do with their salvation. For two consecutive Sundays, we held baptism services after the morning service. We praise the Lord that 33 people were baptized in those two services! We are thankful to see salvations, but it is an even bigger blessing to see the new Christians start following Christ in their new-found faith.

We also had the privilege seeing 21 people come to Christ. One day while I was in town with my family buying supplies for the orphanage, my 3 year-old son looked at the shop owner and said very emphatically, "you need to come to my church!" This caught the shop owner off guard as it did the rest of us. Jed then looked at me and said "Daddy, can I give him a tract?" I handed him a gospel tract that had our church information on the back, and then he gave it to the shop owner. The man came to church that next week and gave a testimony of what happened. One week after that service, our church deacon came up to me and said, "my son has been passing out 10 tracts at his public school every day since he heard about what Jedidiah did." He said, "if a 3 year old can do it, so can I!" As parents, we were so proud of our little boy who has watched us give out many tracts and then started doing it himself without any prompting or coaching, but then to see God use that to inspire others was even more heart-warming. Please keep praying that Jed will get saved when he is old enough to understand that gospel.

For the furtherance of the Gospel,
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