



KINGDOM COME

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Dear Friends and Family:

The first few months of 2009 have been full of adventure, busyness, challenges and growth. We are seeing our greater purpose in Uganda more clearly than ever before and desire to truly impact this nation for Jesus Christ amidst the global crisis. Here is the latest news as we pursue that goal.

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Thanks for staying informed about us. We also really want to know how you are doing. Please stay in touch with us using the contact information below. Hope to see you on our next visit to the USA in September!

The Kehn Team <><

BURNING LIGHTS

Who turned off the lights? Often in Uganda, power goes off for an unknown amount of time. Stumbling around in pitch black, we have to find matches and candles in order to cast light into the darkness.

There are missionary seasons where the lights go out. Everything is in darkness. We don't know why or how long it will last. It is when we feel most alone, most insecure and most incapable. It also reveals the reality of the spiritual warfare we are fighting. In these times of darkness, all we want to do is run away but don't know which direction.

Recently, we have been extremely discouraged by the realities of darkness that we have seen surrounding us in Uganda. The darkness hates the light. Its desire is to extinguish



any light because the darkness does not want to be exposed.

Yet we are called to be the light of the world. No one promised it would be easy, actually the exact opposite. It's dangerous! But we have a message of light that penetrates the darkest soul and revives it with abundant life. This is a revival that starts within every individual.

Our desire is to have burning lights that reveal Jesus Christ and glorify the Father. Please pray for us to have the courage to shine in this time of darkness.

BABY MOSES

We had the awesome privilege of caring for a second abandoned baby this past month (Stephen being the first). God had a divine appointment for us at Agip restaurant on a Sunday evening. We ended up eating much later than planned and sat near a group of medical missionaries who were in Uganda on a short term trip. They initiated a conversation with us when they saw Stephen. After caring for a 3 day old baby abandoned in the bush – Moses, they were nervous about what would happen to him when they left. Over the next 24 hours we felt like God wanted us to take Moses in until a more permanent home could be found. From the moment we brought him to our home, Asher loved holding him and helping with him and wished baby Moses was awake more often! However, Stephen had a little bit of anxiety about his mommy holding and feeding another baby.

The police continued an investigation to find the mother as we began

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Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

BABY MOSES continued...

contacting Babies' Homes in the country as well as American families who are interested in adopting from Uganda. Within 3 days Moses' young mother was found and arrested. When she contacted her older sister, the sister rushed to Mbarara to meet her baby nephew.

When Moses' aunt first saw him she began crying and prayed over him as she held him. She has decided she will raise him and care for him as her own. Moses was in our home for a shorter time than we had anticipated, but we are so thankful that he is now with his real family. We can't imagine anyone loving him more dearly than his own aunt. Our joy is now fuller since we were able to play a small part in this one baby's life. We will continue in prayer for him knowing that God preserved his life for a purpose beyond what we can imagine.

Now our home remains open and we wait for baby number 3...

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MOM'S GROUP

We are 6 moms and 16 children. It is meant to be a playgroup for our kids, but the reality is that we, as moms, need our time together more than they do.

We've been meeting once a week for a year now and this group has made us each feel so much less alone. We have common struggles and disappointments and joys living in another country and culture. Knowing that we share all of those things makes the hard days easier to face.

At every other stage in my life I have had a girl friend that I clicked with immediately and could share my heart with. I spent my first 2 1/2 years here wondering if I would ever experience that again. But one afternoon on the way home from a mom's group I just began crying and praising God that He had given me friends to share life with. Having these friends who pour God's love and grace into my life helps renew me to continue pouring myself out to my family and my neighbors each day.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me" Ps 103:1-5



ABIDE HOUSE 2009

Through the support and financial gifts from friends and family around the world, we were able to construct an official ABIDE house (left top) in less than five months on the Juna Amagara property in Mbarara, Uganda. It has been an incredible blessing to have our own facility.



On February 1st of this year, 10 students (left middle) voluntarily reported to the ABIDE house to join the six month discipleship/leadership program. We began the program with a camping retreat in the hills of Ibanda and then settled into an intense classroom schedule during the week with ministry outreach every weekend.



The students come from all over the country with many different backgrounds, denominations and even languages and there have been some significant challenges but they have united into one family through Jesus Christ. We have already seen spiritual transformation as the students sharpen one another with the class material and during the outreach projects.

Pastor Bernard (left bottom) joins the classes each week to share his insights and lectures on Spiritual Leadership. He brings life into everything he says and is a great example for the students to follow. The students love him and we really appreciate his partnership with the ABIDE program.