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The Pearl of Africa

The kids and I had the adventure of a lifetime in September. We got to visit Uganda to see Leslie and her kids. Most of you are aware that Les is the woman that I've been dating and fallen in love with. She is a widow who serves as a missionary in Uganda. While visiting we wanted to connect with a local CEF chapter in Uganda and help Leslie as she serves orphans and widows in the most impoverished areas of Uganda. The trip started with a LONG flight. The total flying time was over around 15 hours, not including layovers. Thankfully the flight was peaceful and the kids were super well behaved. We arrived in Entebbe and were reunited with our friends in Uganda. We enjoyed lots of hugs and happy smiles. We relaxed for the first few days before heading to Kampala, the capital of Uganda.



Our time in Uganda was a major change of culture for the kids. Kampala is a city, but with few paved roads. Traveling was difficult, especially since it was the rainy season. The temperatures weren't particularly hot, camp is much hotter than Uganda this time of the year, but downpours were common, often washing out the road. Red clay was everywhere. Traffic was a nightmare at times. There were a lot of bodas (motorcycles). Those motorcycles would cut in and out of traffic. There weren't many road signs or signal lights either. It was amazing to see how quickly a single lane of traffic became four. The time in Kampala was used to prepare for our ministry time in Jinja, roughly a two hour drive. It also became a time to watch two families create bonds and love each other.

We stayed at a cabin near the headwaters of the Nile. We slept under mosquito nets and friendly salamanders would occasionally visit us while we slept. I celebrated my 41st birthday in Jinja and her daughter Zoe celebrated her 4th birthday. We left Jinja and traveled way off the beaten path. We were originally supposed to connect with a CEF worker but she recently had a baby and wasn't able to tag along, but that doesn't mean we didn't have contact with children. The first village that Leslie brought us to was FILLED with little children. We exited the car and were surrounded by at least forty precious little ones. We brought them food as a gift. We didn't speak their language, but we didn't have to, they were excited to play with our kiddos. Maggie especially connected with the kids. They played tag for hours! We visited multiple villages and visited with nearly 100 children along with countless adults. The ministry was incredible and we treasure the memories we made working with children!



This prayer letter cannot contain the joy that we felt during this trip. Our family felt a happiness and a wholeness that we had been missing for quite some time. We are thankful for Leslie, Commission to Every Nation, and CEF for helping us travel to the Pearl of Africa! Thank you for praying. We couldn't have asked for a better trip, nor could we have asked for better company.

Help Wanted

Most of you have seen signs outside of a business with the words “help wanted.” That means that business is looking to hire. We currently have multiple help wanted signs for our Good News Clubs. Thankfully over 90% of our staffing needs have been met, but we are still in need of some major help. Our first need is bus drivers. We had multiple bus drivers retire over the summer and thankfully Lisa stepped up and will be driving for nine clubs....but we are still in desperate need of drivers. I have personally called dozens of people and companies, but I haven't had any traction. Our clubs that need drivers are Path Valley and Summitview. Path Valley meets on Thursdays and is one of our biggest clubs. It encompasses the entire elementary. The driver would need to be available from 11-3. This is a paid position and the bus will be provided. Summitview is a Waynesboro club that meets on Wednesdays. The driver would need to be available from 1:30 until about 3. This is also a paid position. Please reach out to the office if you or someone you know is interested.

We are also in need of a coordinator and teacher for the Marion Club. Marion meets on Thursdays from 2:15-3:15. This sweet club doesn't require a bus driver, it just needs someone to say 'yes' to the Lord's leading. Again, reach out to the office if you feel led to meet this need

World Day of Prayer

Oswald Chambers once said “Prayer does not equip us for the greater work. Prayer is the greater work.” Read that quote again. Let it sink in. One pastor once said that prayer is the umbilical cord between the believer and heaven. I quiet agree. As Christians we need to be in prayer. We need to set aside quiet time to spend with God alone. But we struggle with that. We hit the panic button before we pray. I for one am guilty of that. I spend countless hours worrying instead of sitting at my Father's feet seeking His help and face. The average American spends less than five minutes a day in prayer. It's not even so much that we should pray, but beloved we need to pray. We need to pray for our unsaved world, our pastors, our churches, our missionaries, the little children, our government officials, our friends, our family, and yes, even ourselves. The old hymn speaks true, what peace we often forfeit when we don't spend time with God in prayer.

CEF has set aside a day of prayer on November 5th. We invite you to pray alongside us that day. You can either pray at home or you can come to the office at 10:00 AM. We will have coffee and a few snacks items to share. We would love to have you join our office staff as we seek the heart of our Father in heaven. Please promote this in your local church. We would love to have the office full of people seeking God's will and grace.



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