

The Applegate Family

Tony, Kristy, Eliana, Elijah, Elexis, Elysse, Ellora

Missionaries to Uganda, East Africa

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Dear Friends,



Hot! Hot! Hot! People look at me very funny when I tell them that it is currently hotter in the States than where we serve in Africa. In Uganda, we rarely experience temperatures above 90°. Are you ready to come and visit us? If you visit Uganda, you will understand why Winston Churchill called it “The Pearl of Africa.”

Faith Baptist Church: FBC has the privilege each year of distributing thousands of tracts and sharing the message of Jesus during the first week of June. Martyrs’ Day is one of the most celebrated Catholic and Anglican holidays of the year. Millions of people make a pilgrimage to a large Catholic shrine located less than a mile from our church. Many Ugandan and other African languages are represented by those making the pilgrimage, and FBC hands out Gospel tracts in more than 15 languages.

Tuesday evening Bible studies are now being held in the new church building! Dan and I are calling it a soft start. The official dedication of the new



building is scheduled for Sunday, August 31. As you can imagine, there is a lot of excitement among the FBC members about having our own building in which to meet.

Family Update: Surgeries, camp, and more! Already during this furlough, Elysse has undergone two palate surgeries

and is recovering well. She can now touch her back teeth together, whereas before they were locked. Her veins are so tiny that they always have a hard time finding them. She was excited to learn that they can now use ultrasound to locate them. (See photo.) She is scheduled for major leg surgery on August 13. Ellora is enjoying her summer off from school and is helping Grandma around the house.

Eliana, Elijah, and Elexis just finished their summer work at Southland Christian Camp. Kristy and I get excited to hear how God is using our children to share the Gospel and see children and teens accept Christ. Camp work has been a great experience for all three of them.

Furlough Update

We are staying with Kristy’s mom during this furlough, and I have an opportunity to help the new pastor at Central Calvary Baptist Church by teaching Sunday School and leading singing when we are in town.

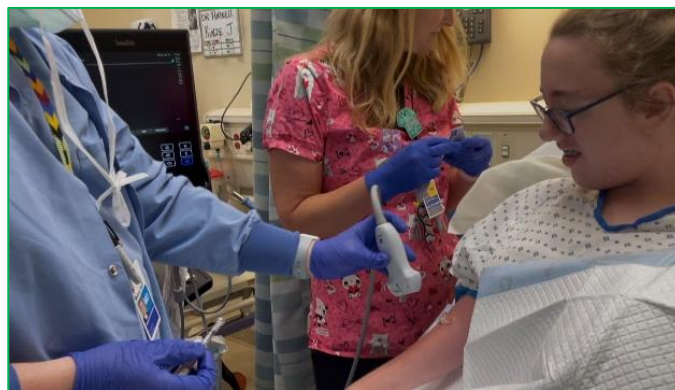
Dan Dwire and I stay in frequent contact, and he keeps me informed on how the ministry at FBC is doing...and how the church building is progressing. I continue to prepare the Sunday School lessons for FBC while on furlough.

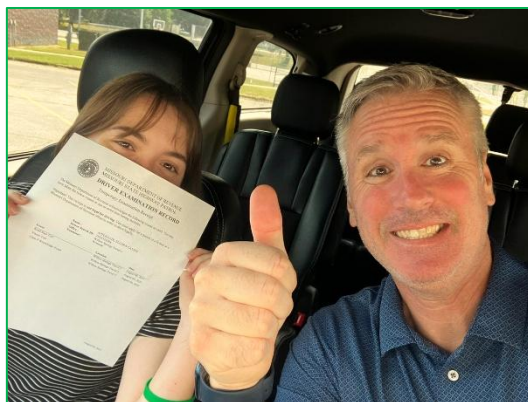
PRAYER REQUESTS

- That God will meet the needs of the national pastors and give them wisdom in leading their churches
- Wisdom for Elysse’s surgical team as she has leg-lengthening surgery on August 13
- Elexis as she begins her freshman year of college

PRAISES

- Children and teens who were saved at Southland Christian Camp
- The many people who heard and read the Gospel of Jesus Christ during Martyrs’ Day Outreach
- Elysse’s successful surgeries on her palate
- FBC beginning to have services in the new building





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Top Row: Tony teaching Sunday School at Central Calvary Baptist Church. Ellora passed her learner's driving test on the first try! She and Elysse helped prepare a mailing at church.

Second Row: Elijah at camp. Eliana and Elexis with some of the fresh blueberries they picked...and later shared with friends. Elysse and friends at a supporting church in Texas

Rows 3-4: Elexis worked at the coffee shop at camp. Eliana and some of her friends at camp