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Brothers of the ACTI, fellow Christians:

Warmest greetings in Christ Jesus, from Uganda! I am so sorry that I am not able to be with you all this time round, only the second time in 16 years that this has happened! I attended my visa interview on the 10th November 2011, almost exactly 2 months ago. To date, visa is neither denied nor given! Over the years, visa applications and interviews had become more of a formality for me, a walk over exercise! Unknown to me, this time round God had a different plan for me! Usually my normal time for interview takes 5 minutes and under, but it took 30 minutes this time! At the end, the consular made her declaration, that my non-immigrant visa application needed "further administrative processing", that I should check after 2 weeks!

We have helped 6 families adopt 9 children over the past 4 years. I've come to appreciate the beauty of helping orphaned kids get a home where they can be loved and cared for. This time round, the consular asked why we had processed paperwork for one kid, Rebecca, in August 2011, when the kid in question came to the orphanage in 2008? We have always followed the same procedure, so I was totally ambushed by the question!

If the Lord does not ever allow me to return to America, I will always regard myself as one of the few Ugandans who have greatly been favored by the Lord. To be able to visit America 14 years out of 16 is no mean achievement! Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Psalms 56:8 has been my scripture guide during this season of prayer.

Another serious incident needs to be mentioned here. One week ago, on January 2nd 2012, a young American man was killed by malaria here in Uganda. He was part of a group of 18 YOUTH CALL workers from California who came on a 6 months mission. Because the group has been housed at Bethel House, we have been at the center of all the logistics of this unfortunate incident.

Despite the incidents over the year, ministry has thrived fruitfully. As a facilitating organization, the ACTI thrives upon independence and inter-dependence of the teams. Schools of Evangelism have taken place in various parts of the country, led by Dr Krabbendam. Evangelism and discipleship and medical teams worked in Entebbe, Luwero Kalangaalo and Kiyoola, led by Pastor Bill Phillips, Rev Bob Hayes and Janine Bean. A church was planted with funds from Frank May. Regarding tent makers and projects, 4 boreholes were constructed at Kiyoola, Ntenjeru, Seeta Nazigo and Bethel Covenant, with help from Revs Wyatt Gearge, David Rothabard and Alaine Churchman via Rev John Pickett. Rev Jim Sutherland led a team of leadership trainers into S.Sudan.

Talks for reconciliation between the PCU and New Life were spear headed by Rev Pickett at Zana. Rev Pickett visited Bundibugyo, Fortportal, Mabaale and Hoima, on a scouting mission. While in Kapchorwa and Gulu, talks are coiling down to confession by Samson, repentance and reconciliation. Pastor Pete Anderson visited both Gulu and Kapchorwa with a team of 4.

Overall, a total of over 120 people came and worked in the fields above. The ACTI's seeming weaknesses are its strength, why the ministry has been going stronger over the years. I praise God who has so richly provided the workers and resources in his fields.

Finally, in 1999 the ACTI acquired a 7 acre piece of land at Bwebajja, Entebbe road. Please allow me bring a vote of thanks to the Lord for Dr Krabbendam who raised the funds to purchase the land 12 years ago. This land today is of high value and also of strategic location, suitable for any type business ie housing estates for sale / rentals, a super market with ample parking space, or a recreation/conference facility (arch Bishop Nkoyooyo's Rest Gardens is only 2 acres). We have to ask ourselves the question: are we in business for profit, or for ministry? Our answer to the above question will determine how the property will be put to maximum use for the kingdom.

God bless you all!

Rashid Luswa 9th January 2012