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Sorry for the delay on updates. Sunday night we ran out of data (it is all prepaid for internet) and I was traveling yesterday and today without access except by 3G on my iphone (this in itself is amazing that it is even possible). I could have sent an update last night, but my phone battery was low and we were without electricity to recharge for most of the night where I was staying.

Sunday went very well. Rachel, Basime Godfrey and I went to the latest church plant site in the village of Bunakija and were met with enthusiastic greetings and singing even-though we didn't arrive at the church until 11 a.m. because our vehicle broke down on the way. Sunday school is supposed to start at 10. I asked if we were doing sunday school and was told yes so we studied Psalm 1. The actual church service didn't start until about 12 and I began speaking at 12:30 or so and finished around 1:30 and the service ended around 2:00 after an alter call in which many made new professions of faith and prayer time for those with other needs. Afterwards, we were served lunch by the family who is hosting the church plant on their land and got home from church around 5:00 pm. I give the time details to illustrate the refreshing attitude the people have toward church. As long as God is working in the service, they seem glad to stay. I was also told that in the villages there are only 3 hours per day - morning, afternoon, and night. Of the messages I have preached, God really seemed to use this one more than others. One of the two muslims that we had met the day before did go to the service with us as well. I'm sure he got more than he bargained for with an 8-5 day during which he seemed quite uncomfortable. I did my best to reassure him he was welcome and we were glad he came. He didn't have a conversion experience, but God's word was planted so we pray it germinates.

The trip to Bundibugyo went better than I would have expected. The main purpose of the trip was to find a site to build a pig farm and get the process started for Basime Godfrey. Many of you met him when he came to Chattanooga for eye surgery that could not be done in Uganda. Although he finished his University degree over a year ago, he has been unable to find work. This is no surprise. When I was here in October, one of the local newspapers had an article that there are 50 unemployed university graduates for every position that requires a university degree. Most work for free in their field for 1-3 years and support themselves by other means until they can become employed in their chosen fields. Basime expressed interest in having a piggery after he graduated and after other options failed, we sent him for 2 months to work with a hog farmer and learn the trade. After an 8 hour drive, we found that he had chosen an excellent site on some of his families land, verified the family was supportive, developed a design with a local builder and came to terms for construction which should begin this week. I thought this would take 2- 3 days.

Please pray for success with this project. We have done all we can in preparation and ask God to make Basime's work successful.

Most of my day was spent in the car returning from the West. We got to see several Baboons on the trip and a pic of a mother and baby are on my facebook wall.. in the afternoon and evening I reviewed charts that Rachel had organized and responded to several emails. I haven't had opportunity to hear details from Bob, Loyd, Tyler, and Brian who were again doing door to door evangelism. They were joined today by Drue Humberger who arrived safely last night. I will join them in Mukono tomorrow. They will remain Thursday, but I have a meeting with the hospital medical director, do one more surgery, and review post ops before leaving Thursday night. Rachel will work at the orphanage the next two days and flies back with me Thursday evening. Bob Hayes, Brian, Tyler, Loyd and Drue will continue door to door evangelism through Thursday, visit a Compassion International project on Friday, and a church plant on Saturday. Loyd, Tyler and Brian leave Saturday night. Bob and Drue leave Sunday night.

Please pray tonight for Derrick - the son that Troy and Sarah Duble are adopting. He has had intermittent fever and vomiting all day. He went to a clinic and no malaria organisms were seen in his blood. He is still a sick boy. They are scheduled to meet with the U.S. Embassy on Thursday to get his VISA and fly home Friday so we are praying he gets well soon.

Thanks again to all.

J.D.