

Subject: **Final Update for September 2018**
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This will serve as my final update for the September 2018 trip to Uganda. As many of you already know, I came home four days early due to some medical issues that Betsy had, including a two night stay in the hospital.

Originally, this September trip was going to be in conjunction with Dr. J.D. Bonner and an eye ministry. When he had to postpone his trip, Fred Schreiber and I decided to go ahead and go, but since the eye ministry component was gone, we made some changes in our plans. When it became necessary to leave early, I just shifted some ministries ahead and postponed others until my next trip. Thankfully, Betsy is doing very well and we continue to have scans and other tests to determine exactly what issues she is facing. Your continued prayers for her are greatly appreciated.

We traveled to Kyamagemule four days of ministry there. It began with the distribution of gift packs to children in our [sponsorship](#) program. This was the first time we were able to use our new drawstring backpacks. Red for the girls and blue for the boys. The one boy in the photo below held his bag so low it did not show up in the photos. We are moving all our gifts packs to the bags from now on. This assures a consistent size and are much easier to pack.

We also distributed a couple of food baskets. Again, in the photo below, the food items are in a plastic tub on the ground and failed to show up in the photo.

We spent two days installing gutters and a rain barrel in two different home. The USAID office at the U.S. Embassy in Kampala told me years ago one of the most effective water projects he had ever seen was simply installing a twenty foot plastic gutter, a down spout, and a 1,000 liter collection tank. We did two of these this trip for a cost of about \$100 each. In both cases we had to install a fascia board to mount the gutters to and build a concrete platform to hold the tank. The photos below show part of the work as well as the finished project. The first project was for three 90+ year old ladies who live together. The other was a very poor family that lives in a mud hut on borrowed land. One of the deacons in the church owns the land and allows them to live there. It is down in a valley and the only water we saw was a very dirty stream.

Each night we held an open air crusade in a trading center and shared the gospel with as many folks as we could. On Friday night, George Yawe and I spent over an hour sharing with four men in a wood working shop. The next night one of those man came up to me and had brought his wife and children and wanted me to share with them what we told him the night before. He told me he had spent the day searching in the trading center for a Bible and finally found one and was going to buy it and read it to him family. This is always encouraging.

Also pictured below is a photo of the partially completed inside of the Kyamagemule school kitchen as well as the changing of a flat tire as we traveled from one venue to another.

Thanks very much for your prayers and support. When my next trip will be depends on a number of factors but your prayers for that will be appreciated as well.

