

## Weekly Connector: Uganda be hearing more about this trip!

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Hello, Church!

Our bags are packed, checked, and we're ready to go! Sitting here in the Akron-Canton gate area, I'm reminded of all the planning, sorting, packing, and praying that has happened in order to get this far. Now, there is nothing left to do but let the pilot and crew do their jobs. Uganda, here we come!

Of course, this adventure began a while ago as the team was formed and began to work together to prepare for what God has in store for us. We had help, too - from you! You joined us by helping us prepare, coming to the fundraisers, praying for us, and even now as you have sent us on this mission!



Church, I am so proud of you. When Sherry and I were getting to know you, we were convinced that if God was calling us to serve in Northeast Ohio - East Canton Church of God - then He was calling you to East Africa, Uganda. And, nearly four years later, the fourth trip is underway!

In the last three mission trips, God has led us to put roofs on and complete three churches, build a new school (East Canton Church of God Nursery and Primary School), ir houses of the aged (they call them, Jjajjas), help moms and dads with HIV start businesses, provide a few months of rent for several families so that they could begin a path to self-sufficiency, provide Bibles, church chairs, a church floor, and windows & doors, taught and encouraged our Ugandan families, all while sponsoring nearly 70 children in Uganda and other parts of the world!

Remember, as we serve, whether in Uganda or Northeast Ohio, it is really God working through us and in us as we take hold of the privilege to serve in Jesus' Name! Well done, Church!

This trip offers even more opportunities as our primary project will be to add to the original 2-room school we built last year. We'll provide an additional 2 classrooms, a kitchen area, a proper toilet, and some windows and doors. We'll also deliver your gifts to your sponsored children, provide leadership development seminar and workshop, a mini-VBS, and so much more! And, for the first time, we have partnered with the East Canton Rotary Club as they contributed financially to the school project!



Stay tuned for more news as our adventure continues.

This Sunday, we have a special guest coming to preach - Rev. Shawn Lemon. He is an Associate Pastor at Sherrick Road Church of God in Canton and is very excited to share the Word of God with you. Please plan to come be with your church family and warmly welcome Pastor Shawn as you gather to celebrate Jesus together.

*"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." (Phil. 1:3-5)*

Praying with you and for you...

I love you, Church!

Pastor greg