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Dear Friends and Family,

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October-December 2018

This year has had many changes, but God has been faithful with every change. In March I didn't know what my next step would be. I'm very thankful that the Lord knew. This year has been a year of new beginnings, as God opened up the ministry of Bible and Basketball in the government schools of Soroti.

October was so exciting with the Lord giving me so many opportunities to use sign language. I was able to interpret for a young man who needed a job, and he got the job! That same young man came to our church and I was able to interpret our service to him. Our service that night was about right-living and it was a true blessing to the young man. At the end of October, I taught kickball at the Soroti Sign Language Center. It was pure joy to see these students laugh and learn a new game. Now they ask to play it every Friday when I come for P.E. I am really enjoying learning Ugandan Sign Language and love how God is using it in my life. Please pray that the Lord would use me to reach the deaf of Uganda with the Gospel of Jesus.

In November, we were able to complete the third basketball court in Soroti at St. Francis School for the Blind. It was an exciting time as the students helped us fill water bottles with sand so we could use them for the out-of-bounds lines. We had so much fun singing and being together that day as everybody worked. As we dug the hole for the basketball goal, all the students stood around and listened very closely to memorize where the pole would be. It was astounding to watch. I would ask them where the pole was, and they would point straight to it! I loved that we were able to finish this court so these sweet children could start playing basketball. As the concrete was drying, I got a call from immigration telling me that my visa was approved. This was an answered prayer, as I was waiting for this very call so I could see my family for Thanksgiving. Thank you for all those who prayed for me and my visa. I had a wonderful Thanksgiving meal with my precious family.

I would like to wish all of you Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support throughout the year of 2018. May we all remember the "Reason for the Season" and it is Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reaching the Least of These,

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Blind students learning how dribble



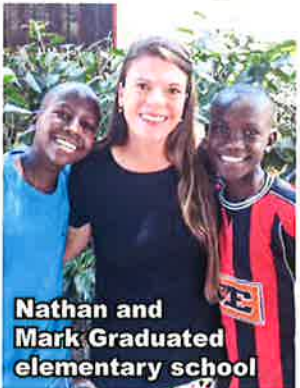
Kickball at the Soroti Sign Language Center



Our first orphans who graduated High School



Team scavenger hunt at the orphanage



Nathan and Mark Graduated elementary school



Thanksgiving with my family



Shaarda is the young man who got a job



My siblings



Out-of-bounds line with the water bottles for the blind school



Third court in Soroti



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July-September 2018

Dear Family and Friends,

It is hard to believe over half of 2018 is gone. I am very excited how God has been moving in Soroti, Uganda. The new ministry of Bible and basketball started and 12 schools have started working on gathering materials for their court. My first class had 76 students, and one girl came up to me after basketball and asked me more questions about the Gospel. She is still paying attention during Bible and she is very close to salvation.

On the Fourth of July I had a cookout and games all day at my house. It was so much fun to celebrate America's birthday together with other missionaries. The following Saturday during my Bible Club I got a call asking if I could come to the Islamic school and talk to the directors about doing Bible and Basketball at their school. While being approved to teach Bible and Basketball at the Islamic school, one of my faithful girls got saved at the neighborhood Bible Club. I am so thankful to serve a God that hears and answers our prayers. Towards the end of July, I turned the "Big 40" and on the same day my mom and dad celebrated 48 years of marriage. For eight years I dreaded my birthday because it was another "Big Day" I wouldn't be with my family. This year I was determined to walk in victory and God gave me strength to do this. I had a wonderful birthday and my friends here gave me a big party. I had so much fun playing baseball and having a cookout with friends. The difference of this birthday was made because I really leaned on the blessings of God in my life. On a sad note, one of our Ugandan teachers gave birth to a baby girl and the baby only lived for one day. It was amazing to witness and sing at this burial. As I was walking with the mother to bury her baby, I asked her the baby's name and she asked me to name the baby. I immediately started to pray and asked God for wisdom, as I watched them carry that little casket; God brought the name Ruth to my heart. I began to think that Ruth served God after suffering and Ruth was in the lineage for our Savior. I looked up at the mother and said, "Ruth," she smiled and looked at the casket and said, "That's a perfect name for my baby."

August started out very busy but ended with a break. Just before school let out for holiday I was able to finish the second court in Soroti at Madera Boys School. I am excited to start the third term of school and start teaching Bible and Basketball in many schools in Soroti. On August 16, I celebrated eight years in Uganda. I am still very grateful for God's Will for my life. Right after I celebrated the anniversary of God's Will for my life, I was able to celebrate with my brother at his ordination service. His pastor asked me to open the service up with stories about Kyle as a surprise via the computer. I loved being a part of his big day. As August ended, I was able to put my sign language lessons into practice. A deaf lady came to our church and I was able to sign our service to her. I love how God is using sign language in my life.

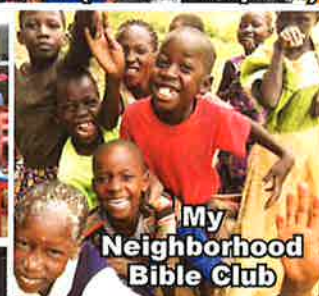
September went by so fast but it was very exciting. God is really giving me many opportunities to use sign language in Soroti. I went to the Soroti Sign Language Center and ask if I could come once a week to teach Bible and P.E., and the director agreed right away and was very happy I was learning sign language. The last full week in September was the start of the first full week in the new ministry of Bible and Basketball with 13 schools on my schedule. The highlight of the month was starting to teach at the School for the Blind. I was amazed in how God has gifted these children. This was truly a blessing and encouragement to witness their smiles. Thank you for your faithful prayers as we had an answered prayer by three getting saved in Children's Church in September.

Thank you so much for your encouragement through this new ministry of Bible and Basketball. Please continue to pray for wisdom as I look for a newer truck to purchase. I hope to get to see some of you as I am coming to see my family for Thanksgiving and Christmas this year.

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