



Reaching the Least of These in

Uganda

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April-June 2018

Dear Family and Friends,

This year, so far, has been full of excitement and change. Thank you for your faithfulness in holding the rope for me. April started out with a youth rally, organized by our youth from our church. The preacher focused on Psalm 119:2 while 69 youth listened intently. Our youth did a wonderful job inviting their friends from area schools in our community. What a joy to see our children serving our Lord.

Towards the end of April, God taught me a powerful lesson about how He is All-Knowing. I had some major leaks in my plumbing due to termites in my bathroom. In the process of getting the damage repaired, many nationals were in and out of my place. In this same time-frame, my brand new running shoes were stolen. I turned everything upside-down looking for these shoes but quickly realized they were nowhere to be found. A couple of weeks later a dear friend, who I haven't seen in a couple of years, sent me a message simply asking what size shoe I wore. When I answered she then explained that God had told her to send me shoes. God really knows how to show me that He loves me.

The month of May was a very eventful month. In my last prayer letter, I ended with a hint that God was opening many new doors for me and now it is the time for me to share how. Let me begin by telling you that I am still helping with the orphanage and our church in Soroti, but God has opened a door for me to teach Bible and basketball in the government schools within Soroti. I went to the Minister of Education of Sports, Ms. Lucy, and told her what God had placed on my heart. As I was talking I looked beside her desk and saw basketball hoops. Ms. Lucy was thrilled to hear that I wanted to help our government schools with basketball because they have been looking for someone to come and train the children. As we were talking, a nicely dressed man came into Ms. Lucy's office. I immediately stood because he looked very important. I am glad I stood because he was the School Inspector for all of Soroti. Ms. Lucy said, "Mr. Patrick, please sit down and listen to the message Kerri has brought us today." They were both very happy and I was grateful to be assured that God was already in my tomorrow. Two weeks later, I started making the first basketball court in a primary government school of Soroti.

At the end of May, the Lord bought two of my desires in one person. I've wanted someone to help me add some landscaping to my yard, and I wanted to learn Ugandan sign language. Nicholas came with his brother George (who owns a landscape business), and I soon found that Nicholas was deaf and that he could help me in my yard and teach me sign language because our only way to communicate is sign language and writing. I am learning so much. I am so thankful how God is opening doors and providing for my desires.

In June, I started looking around Soroti for basketballs and nets. Ms. Lucy had sent out a letter to local schools, informing them of a basketball training course. In answer to my prayers, I was able to find enough basketballs for the big training, which took place on June 22. The training was where all the schools that were interested in my offered course sent one (or more) of their P.E. teachers to get some basic training in basketball and see if this was something their school wanted to include in their curriculum. Thirty-six sports teachers from all over Soroti came to the training and 19 schools signed up for Bible and basketball. In July I will go talk to the Head Teachers of the schools who were interested in this new ministry.

My weekends haven't changed; I will still be helping at the orphanage and our local church Friday through Sunday, but my week will be spent teaching in the government school instead of our orphanage school, Independent Baptist School.

Thank you for your continued prayers as I walk through the open doors of this new ministry God has opened up for me.

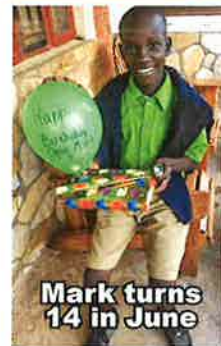
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Basketball Training - June 22



Mark turns 14 in June



My new shower



My Sitting Room is Finished



Nicholas is my sign language teacher



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