



Kerri Phillips

Reaching the Least of These in Uganda

May 21st – July 31st, 2025

Dear Family and Friends,

Let me start by once again thanking each of you for your support—both financially and through prayer—during my time back in the States for health reasons. Around May 13, I experienced the worst lupus flare-up I've ever had. Every joint hurt, and the pain on my left side was overwhelming.

I'm being very open and honest in this update, because in the past, I've kept many of my health issues to myself. But now, I know I need the Lord—and the Family of God—to lift me up in prayer daily.

On May 21, I returned to my lupus doctor, who ordered a full lupus blood panel (12 tubes of blood!). Just a few days later, on May 24, I was able to take a much-needed vacation with my family. It was a blessing! We all got the rest we needed—especially since my siblings are also in full-time ministry.

On May 30, Melissa and I flew to Washington, D.C., to visit our dear “Coaching Friend,” Jami! Though I was still recovering from the flare-up, I couldn't pass up the chance to be with these two women—I hadn't seen them together in 15 years! That night, we watched Jami's oldest daughter (whom we helped raise) graduate from high school.

The next day, May 31, we helped decorate for Cuylee's graduation party, and one of “OUR GIRLS” even came to the celebration!

On June 1, I had the joy of hearing Craig preach for both Sunday School and the main service. It brought back memories of our “GHB Days,” when we taught, coached, and ministered to teens together! I stayed near Chesapeake for a few more days to visit my sending church, and once again, I was reminded of how blessed I am to be part of the Family of God—I truly have “family” everywhere I go. It's also been such a blessing to hear from Uganda during this season. And I can't fully express how wonderful it was to be in my home church in Georgia on Father's Day, with my sweet Daddy O.

On June 18, I enjoyed another family vacation, and shortly after that, I had the privilege of attending Enrichment Week at the BIMi headquarters. Honestly, it was a complete miracle that I ended up there—but God knew exactly what I needed. That week was filled with POSITIVE encouragement, love, laughter, and healing—for me and many other missionaries walking through hard seasons.

To close out June, I was honored to share my testimony at a widow's luncheon. What a special day that was!

Then, on July 2, I had a very important follow-up appointment with my lupus doctor. So many of you prayed—and I'm thrilled to share that my doctor believes my body may be beginning to heal itself! Praise the Lord!

Later in July, I had the opportunity to represent BIMi at a youth conference, where I also had the incredible joy of leading a 12-year-old to the Lord.

Unfortunately, I ended the month with a bad reaction to some medications and spent my birthday in the hospital. Even so, my family went above and beyond to make the day special. If you ask me—I have the best family on the planet!

Thank you so much for your continued support and faithful prayers as I seek the Lord's will about where and how He would have me serve in the near future.

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