

# NOTES FROM THE JOURNEY WITH JESUS .....FOGLEMANS on SABBATICAL

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*"I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.....The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore." Psalm 121: 1,2,7,8*

Dear Friends,

This Scripture speaks truth to us – one of our favorite promises as life moves on! Greetings in the name of our faithful God! As I complete this newsletter, I am happy to report spring temperatures FINALLY here in Iowa. We are thankful to report that we are united once again. This past year of living and working separately is completed and Lynn arrived April 8<sup>th</sup> to snow on the ground! It was quite a temperature difference from Moyo, Uganda to southeast Iowa early April!



We are thankful for your prayers and financial support which allowed Lynn to complete a year of service in the Moyo

District Hospital in northern Uganda in partnership with Medical Teams International, serving primarily in Maternity Ward alongside many hard-working midwives and doctors to bring healthy newborns into the world and save young women from the complications of pregnancy. More than half of the patients in this hospital are referred from the Refugee Camps nearby – most refugees from South Sudan. The staff of the



hospital served up a feast of roasted goat and chicken as they sent Lynn back home with gratitude for his service!



## WHAT NEXT??!!

We have served with TMS Global for 6 years now and they have offered us an 8-month SABBATICAL here in the US, until the end of 2018. We are grateful to have time together, time for reading and prayer, time for focused listening to God and seeking guidance for the coming years. Yes, time for **discernment** of God's will for us at this point in our journey together. We praise God! Our health remains good, for which we are thankful. We expected to be in East Africa for several years when we returned to Uganda in early 2017. Yet at this time, we are uncertain whether we will be able to return there, or whether our journey may include service here in the US or elsewhere. Sabbatical for us will include: time of rest together, solitude and study - and time with God." Henri Nouwen, noted spiritual guide and author, defines discernment as "the spiritual practice that accesses and seeks to understand what God is trying to say." Please join us in prayer for God's guidance and peace during this time of transition. Thank you in advance for your continuing faithful pledges and gifts!

Sharon has been in Iowa nearly a year now, helping our granddaughter, Zari, in this difficult time. Zari will remain in our care for the time being. We are blessed to see the world through the eyes of a happy, energetic young girl once again. She will be 7 years old on July 4<sup>th</sup>! Up until this month, Zari and Sharon lived with Kris and Fred, one of Sharon's sisters north of Iowa City. We are so grateful for their generous hospitality for so long!

Now - thanks to a dear friend of Sharon's from high school, we are comfortable in a home in Ainsworth, IA, just a few miles south of Iowa City. Sharon lived in this small town from 1965 to 1971, during junior and senior high school. Wow! What a step into the past! But we look forward to temperatures warming so we can explore the town and nearby park as well as meet



friends old and new in the community. Being here, Zari will stay at the same elementary school in Iowa City until the end of First Grade. She is definitely a sociable child like her mom!

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Besides volunteering at the Free Medical Clinic in Iowa City, Sharon has had fun getting to know Zari's class through teaching Junior Achievement and attendance at other school functions!



Our son Mark, his wife Kenzi, and children Emma and Will were able to visit for 5 days after returning from Kenya in early April. As they travel now speaking at churches, it reminds us of 29

years ago as we traveled with 2 (and then 3) children, sharing about God's work in Kenya! Our older son Kurt and his wife Annie and son Nicholas are busy and doing well in Denver. We look forward to time with all the kids at a beach in late June.



One of the blessings of Lynn being in Uganda for this past year has been his ability to stay connected with our friends from South Sudan, who are currently living in refugee camps and Arua, Uganda. This child was present at one of the UMC Eden Camp II services – she represents many children caught in the throes of

violence, corruption, and war in South Sudan. (Thanks to Michael Sluder, Holston UMC Conference, for the beautiful picture!) Although negotiations continue, peace is far from a reality.

Please continue to pray for the people of South Sudan and for all people who suffer the effects of evil around the world. We trust in our faithful God....."***The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.***"

Thank you so much for your prayers and support over this past year. We are most grateful for your regular gifts as we have had the privilege of serving in South Sudan and Uganda. We are so thankful for your partnership over many years, as we share the hope of Jesus for individual hearts and minds! Whatever lies ahead, we are excited to see what God has for us in this journey of life with Jesus!

In His Love and Service,

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