

Mallari on Mission

New Hope Uganda Newsletter

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Last month's article on our Thanksgiving celebration is the "front page" story on the New Hope blog. Read it and other staff and visitor's stories and experiences on www.newhopeuganda.org/blog



Reflection & Response

My mission here at New Hope is more than half over. Seems like time goes by so quickly no matter where you are in this world. This month, I have noticed that facing life's demands can get in the way of listening to the Lord's calling. I'm one who processes and plans out everything, but in two short months, I'll be back to Western culture, not sure what His plan is for my life.

Praise God I have options! Uncle Tal, the manager at New Hope, offered that I could come back next year dealing with teams and visitors as I am now. I was honored that my work here is appreciated, but just coming back because I *feel* good about what I do is not enough. I realize that not everything needs to be set in stone months before, but I am taking some time to really be intentional with listening to God's will and plan for my life.

The most common question I hear, both here and back home, is "What will you do when you get back to the US?" Hannah and I will be flying back on Wednesday, December 7th directly into Fargo. Until then, I am not sure what my future holds, where I will be, or what I will be doing. It's hard to say. The only thing I can tell you is that, where ever He leads, I will follow.

Comments, questions, or just a quick 'Hello'. I would love to hear from you!

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Display of His Splendor

No words or pictures can be used to describe the amazing creativity of our Great God. This month, I went with a team to our third New Hope location in Uganda, Musana Camps (the others being Kasana Children's Centre, where I live and Kobwin Children's Centre). Before arriving, Hannah told me of the landscape and view from the site, not realizing how glorious it actually is. Most mornings that week, I would wake up to sit quietly on a rock and just be in His presence. This place is so tranquil and breathtaking; I couldn't help but be thankful for His creation and blessings around me.

One afternoon, I sat on a swing for two hours! Who knew I had the patience or time? Now don't think that I only sit around on playground equipment while I'm here; there's much more that goes on 'behind the scenes'. However, I feel that intentionally taking the time out of our busy lifestyles to thank God for all He has done, created, brought into our lives is important. I sat reading the book I mentioned last month, "One Thousand Gifts". The author mentions that simply naming something, giving it meaning, can spark a thankful moment. Looking at the view of the lake, memorizing the scenery, the wind, the sounds of birds, it became a "Praise God Moment"!

I challenge you to practice this. Once a day or every splendid moment you have, thank the Lord Jesus for His goodness. Look around and cherish the moment. This moment holds something to be thankful for!



View of Lake Victoria from Musana Camps

Musana Camps property covers 900 acres of land including beach access to Lake Victoria. The camp was built as a vision to begin a manhood camp for New Hope boys and the surrounding community. Teaching them of what a Man of Christ looks like and setting examples of growing up as a father and leader of his family and nation. The motto of the camp is "Encountering Truth, Transforming Lives".



Time with the family is always fun and full of laughs. Each night they have family devotions and occasionally I will join them for a meal of posho and beans.

Ebenezer Family Happenings

As the kids went back to school after holiday break, they are hard at work to finish up their academic year the end of November. I've been struggling to remember biology and mathematics as I "help" them study.

This week, however, we did some physical work together digging in the fields. The family grows sweet potatoes, maize, ground nuts, and cassava. Each day after school they weed and work the ground.

Still no baby for our family parents! Auntie Florence is getting anxious for what she hopes to be a baby girl. We have all been preparing and praying both mom and baby are healthy when that day comes!

Pain in Learning: Walking with the Lord through it all

Late one afternoon, I was sitting out on our veranda enjoying a cup of coffee and digging into God's Word. It was a peaceful moment, the kind of time many of us look forward to. As I sat there, Uncle Jay Dangers, the Director of New Hope Uganda, walked by his youngest daughter's side as she rode her bike around the compound of the primary school. He briskly caught up with her as she pedaled downhill, about to fall on the gravel. I was reminded of trying to learn to ride my bike, regardless of the number of scraps and bruises I endured, how persistent I was. We go through this journey of life uncertain what "bumps" will come along, but there is always The One who catches us, standing right by our side.

"But the Lord stood by my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed" 2 Timothy 4:17

As Uncle Jay let his daughter go, stable on her own, he knew she might fall and get hurt. There is pain in learning. Our walk with our Father is much like this illustration. He knows we have trials and temptations, but it is how we discipline ourselves that form our character and identity in Him. I've learned from past mistakes and wrong choices that repentance and obedience to Him is the only way to rest in His righteousness. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians that even in our time of testing "he will also provide *the way* of escape, that you may be able to endure it." (10:13 ESV, emphasis added)

Life can and will be painful. But why? What is the purpose of suffering? God doesn't leave our side when we have pain. He is right next to us, ready to pick us up when we fall. Our sin is what brings us to our knees in the gravel, dirty and broken, but He is there. There to forgive and to lead us to our full glory.



Hannah is holding Genesis and I have her brother, Benel, whose parents are New Hope staff. Derrick, a son of Ebenezer family, smiles holding his birthday cake.



Medical Team Outreach

Dr. Steve Alexander of Lynden, WA led a team of medical professionals to New Hope this month. An outreach into the communities around Kasana and Musana Camps were very successful. The team treated many cuts and wounds, those sick with malaria, the common cold and malnutrition. As the days went on, more and more patients came to receive the medical attention they couldn't otherwise afford. The team brought homemade wooden cars for each of the children to play with as they waited to see Dr. Steve or Uncle Roger who oversees the clinic at Kasana.

As you may have guessed, treatment of diseases and injuries is much different here than in the States. In a third world country like Uganda, medical care is difficult to get even if you have enough money to be treated, so this team was very much a blessing to those villages and communities where they served. Even members that didn't have medical experience found ways to help and care for people in need. Their time at New Hope went so quickly, as most teams say, but their relationships they built and experiences they had will remain a cherished memory of Uganda.

Lisa Jaspers visits Uganda

For the last two weeks, Hannah and I have had the pleasure of hosting our good friend Lisa, a fellow North Dakotan, here at Kasana and around the country. In celebration of Hannah's birthday the end of this month we went to the town of Jinja, the headwaters of the Nile River. While she was here, Lisa had the opportunity to get to know David family, spend some time in the clinic as she is an RN, have some relaxing time reading and she even helped Hannah and I in the office.

When Lisa was around, not a moment went by without laughter! It was so encouraging having a familiar face here and for her to see first hand what day-to-day life is like, including using a pit latrine. Modern conveniences are more or less taken for granted and much appreciated when visiting Uganda.

I could see God at work in Lisa heart, opening her eyes to new culture, learning how to rest, and find comfort and counsel in friends and sisters in Christ around her. Saying goodbye is never easy, but we made great memories and built each other up!



Hannah, Lisa and I after Lisa's first church service at Kasana Community Church.

Prayer Requests

- ✎ In the month of October, I will be taking a few days away from Kasana to spend time with the Lord. Hannah has called it a *Silence Retreat* where all I will do is read the Word and listen to what God is telling me. In looking forward into the next year, I am still unsure where He is leading me.
- ✎ As uncomfortable as the last few days of pregnancy can be, Aunt Florence has been a trooper and had such a positive attitude in waiting for this miracle to arrive. Please pray for comfort and patience as God knits his final touches on this little baby.

Praises

- ✎ Living in an area where malaria is a common sickness, I praise God that neither Hannah, myself or any of our visitors in the last few months have had any illnesses!
- ✎ As staff and as a nation, we have been praying for the Jubilee, the 50th anniversary of Uganda. To build up to the celebration in October, this month we are praying for the Lord's work to be done here, that He will claim Uganda as a nation of God. We pray for its people, its leaders and the future of Uganda.



Ladies from the Lynden team and myself stacked in our tent at Musana Camps!

All photos taken by Mallari Page or Joanne Eytzen.

August Newsletter contained photos from Constance Dobbs as well. Thanks ladies!