

The Petersen Family in Uganda

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14th Anniversary get-away

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I wrote in our last letter that we would be taking a three month furlough beginning in June. We spent a good part of May preparing our home for the duration of the time that we would be away. I was also able to finish the term that I was teaching in Bible College. Ten students finished a class on the book of Hebrews and did very well.

In May, we also made final preparations for the church in Kisojo to operate while we are away. We had planned to have a van route continue to pick up people in our absence as there are about three people who need special assistance to come to church. But, in May we had too many vehicle break downs and mishaps for us to be able to leave one in place. The ministry is growing too large for us to continue to help people like we have in the past and we have been forced to cut back as a result. Because of the timing and the occurrences which were beyond our control, we feel as though the Lord has made it very clear that the people themselves must step up and take more responsibility. The three months that we are away seem to be a test from the Lord that will determine their willingness to do so. Please earnestly pray for God's hand to help and guide them and the leaders that have been developed.



See us in the lighthouse?

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Mid-trip airport

On June 7th, we departed Uganda late in the evening. Flying through Kenya, London, and Chicago, we arrived forty hours later in Detroit, weary, but happy to be among family. We stayed at Fostoria Baptist Church's mission apartment the first night and the next morning we saw Lisa's brother, Dave Tompkins. That night we gave a field report and I preached at Fostoria.

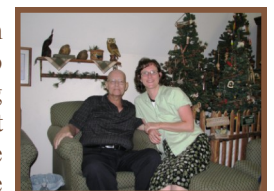
It was a blessing to see Dave, as he was one of the motivating factors for this family furlough that we are taking. He has Lymphoma and has been undergoing treatment for several months. The latest is a stem cell transplant from his daughter that is supposed to fight off the cancer with the aid of chemotherapy and/or radiation. At this point he is in the hospital. Please pray for him and his wife, Diane, and their family.

During our time in Michigan, we celebrated our anniversary by going to an historic lighthouse on Charity Island in Lake Huron. I have also been able to preach and report several times. I have been out soul winning and visiting with my brother-in-law, Mike Van Zee, who is the pastor of Lott Baptist Church in Glennie, MI. Last Sunday they baptized four of the people that we visited, whom Pastor Mike had won to Christ previously. From here we are going to Montana in July where I hope to spend some time with my Dad and his siblings and talk about their Dad, my grandfather, who passed away last February. We will go to our home church in Oklahoma in August where our children will attend school until we return to the field on September 9th. We have activities planned at Mount Rushmore and elsewhere in between. Please pray for our safety on the road and for a spiritually profitable time with our friends and families.

Sincerely in Christ,

Marlin Petersen

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Lisa with her brother