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**ATTENTION:** There has been a change of address for the IBFI where mail is sent. Please mail anything to the new address: **PO Box 151259, Fort Worth, Texas 76108.**

Dear Praying Friends,

Our busy summer season has ended, and we are adjusting to new routines around here. It was a wonderful summer with many new things. I spent a week in Uganda, Africa, on a missions trip from my home church. We helped pass out thousands of tracts for the national holiday "Martyr's Day". It is a day when people remember a group of Anglicans and Catholics who were killed in 1885 by an African king for their faith. Millions of people make a pilgrimage to the capital of Uganda to visit the shrine built in their honor. People make treks for weeks to arrive. The people hope to find favor with God by making the pilgrimage. What they don't understand is that it is only through Jesus' death on the cross that we can find peace and favor with God. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us." Titus 3:5 Many of the people we passed out tracts to were happy to receive them, and some wanted more than one of the many varieties we had to offer. I was able to witness to a couple of people while passing out the tracts and explain salvation through faith. I particularly remember a young man who was very interested but didn't fully understand yet. Pray for him to fully accept the work of Christ on the cross. After passing out tracts in the capitol, we went to a village a couple of hours away to visit an orphanage/Christian school.

Several of our group were able to participate in sharing testimonies, devotionals, and teaching bible lessons. I was able to teach Sunday school to the young primary age class, and during school, one day, I taught Bible class to the older primary ages. I thank God for the opportunity to show how great and loving our God is. Our group had a terrific time in Africa getting to know the missionaries we support and meeting new ones our church has since taken on for support. We can all pray better for our missionaries and the country of Uganda. God used the trip in our hearts in countless ways! And everyone even got along the whole journey and had wonderfully sweet servant spirits. If you are ever able to take a mission trip, I highly recommend it. I also recommend bathing the trip in prayer.

After returning from Uganda, it wasn't long until we had our Vacation Bible School! This was our first VBS in the new church building! As with all firsts, there were a couple of bumps in learning new places and routines. We had a group from Worth Baptist Church help us again. We certainly couldn't do it without them.

Especially since Bro. Danny Jones, Michelle Jones, and I were all sick during different days of VBS! Danny missed every day but Friday. Michelle and I missed a couple of days each. Our own church people stepped up to fill in some gaps. I thank God for them! It was a wild week, but God will get the glory for whatever work He did in the hearts of our people and their visitors.

Immediately after VBS, I took a few girls to a new church camp. I will give details in the next prayer letter, so stay tuned! I ask for prayers for our church, Betesda Baptist. Many of our members are struggling spiritually, physically, and emotionally.

We covet any prayers. Thank you. Please enjoy photos of both events.

In Christ,

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