



The Gardner Family

Ambassadors of Christ to the Ugandan People

Prayer Requests at a Glance

- 1 - For Mason to accept Christ as their Savior at an early age
- 2 - For us to have safety during Ugandan elections
- 3 - For the new radio ministry to reach many souls
- 4 - For God to heal Isaac
- 5 - For us to get the paperwork to start construction on the Gweri Church

Dear Pastors and Friends,

Looking back over the past few months, we have a lot to be thankful for. First, thank you for all of your prayers for Pastor Jonathon. He has completed his radiation treatments, and the doctors have said that the cancer in his shoulder is in complete remission. He called me and said, "Pastor Matthew, I am cancer-free!" What an excellent answer to all your prayers for him. Second, some of our supporting churches have already started sending in Christmas gifts. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. We are so honored to represent you here in the mission field of Uganda. Third, we are thankful to have fully settled back into Ugandan life these past few months. We had a few repairs to make at our rented home, and they are finished. We have fully adjusted back to the climate and time zone.

During our last term, an opportunity opened up through a relationship we made in the public school system. Students in Uganda take an extensive test at the end of middle school to see if they are allowed to move on to high school or if they go into a vocational skill program. This test is very stressful and has been the source of many problems with discouragement, cheating, and even suicide in some cases. We were asked to go into the public schools and give them the Word of God to help with these problems. This opportunity has remained open to us, and during the month of October, we went into 15 public schools and preached the Bible. Around 100 students accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior! To God be the glory.

After the orphans in our orphanage program (SOAP) complete the grades in our Christian elementary school, we pay for them to complete high school at a local boarding school in town. Two of our students at this boarding school led a fellow student to salvation! They had been standing for what is right and telling people about the Bible, which caused one of their classmates to ask questions. After meeting with him several times, he came to understand the gospel and accepted Christ as his Savior. We praise the Lord that these precious children are now living out what we have taught them for so many years.

Now that Pastor Jonathon is doing better, we have already been working on the paperwork required to start construction on the church building. Please be in prayer that we receive all the necessary paperwork. Satan is already fighting, and there is currently one committee that is trying to stop the building of the church. I have been able to regularly go to a Baptist radio station started by a fellow BIMi missionary. The radio is now entirely run by Ugandans. The preaching reaches far in Uganda and even into neighboring Kenya. Please pray that God will use this new ministry to reach lots of souls for Him. Finally, please pray for one of my security guards named Isaac. We just found out that he has a hole in his heart and that he will probably need open heart surgery. His heart is very enlarged, and his whole body is swollen. Please pray that the doctors will have wisdom and that they can save his life. He is currently in the biggest hospital in Uganda, in their heart institute.

For the furtherance of the Gospel,
Matthew, Savannah, Jedidiah, and Mason Gardner