

The Gardner Family

Ambassadors of Christ to the Ugandan People

Dear Pastors and Friends,

I sent out communication at the very end of the year, but for anyone who might not have seen that letter or email, Savannah went to Heaven very unexpectedly right before Christmas. We were traveling in Kampala, Uganda's capital city, and our car was hit by a train due to the negligence of a police officer. I came back to America to bury her, mourn her, and seek God's direction for my family. I have been able to start healing from this tragedy, and I am convinced that God still wants me and my family serving Him in Soroti, Uganda. We have already made arrangements to go back in the month of May. My family has rallied around me! My brother will travel with us to help with luggage, and Savannah's mother is coming with us and will be with me and the kids for several months to help with childcare as I transition to serving God on the mission field as a single father of two young children. I trust the Lord and know that He has everything figured out!

All of you have been SUCH a blessing to me. The prayers, the extra offerings, the phone calls, the letters, and the support of all kinds, have made a massive difference in my life. From the depths of my heart I would like to thank you for SO faithfully standing with me in my time of need! I am excited to return to the mission field. One of the blessings that God has provided for is a shipping container. This will allow me to bring an industrial washer and dryer over to help with not doing laundry every day like Savannah used to do with the limitations that are in the third world. Upgrades like these are going to make it possible for me to still serve in ministry as I raise Jedidiah and Mason. Please pray for all the details that go into sending a container across the world. Please pray that the container will arrive in Soroti safe and with no problems.

While I have been here in the States, the Lord has opened several doors of ministry for me. I have been able to preach in some of my supporting churches. I have started a YouTube channel where all the sermons are posted (@gardners2uganda), and I was able to lead a man named Mike to the Lord. The story was truly amazing! Mike's wife had been praying for his salvation, Mike's pastor and friends had been witnessing to him, and after a message I preached, Mike came to me and wanted to finally accept Christ as his Savior. The situation was SUCH a beautiful picture of 1 Corinthians 3:6! Serving God is truly a team effort.

Thank you for your patience with me. I know this letter is going out later than it would have. My life has been very busy to say the least, and I am still trying to figure out single parenting. Please pray for me that God will give me grace and that He will answer my prayers for my families future.

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

Prayer Requests at a Glance

- 1 - For Mason to accept Christ as their Savior at an early age
- 2 - For our healing from the loss of Savannah
- 3 - For all the logistics and paperwork of returning to Uganda
- 4 - For the shipping container to arrive safely and without anything missing or damaged
- 5 - For me to figure out mission field life as a single dad