

The Gardner Family

Ambassadors of Christ to the Ugandan People

Dear Pastors and Friends,

Thank you for all of your prayers for me and your patience with me. These last three months have been a whirlwind for me. The month of April was packing my shipping container and getting everything ready to go back to Uganda. I also got to go to the wedding of a missionary that used to work with the team in Soroti! I returned in the beginning of May. My brother came with us to help carry luggage and the logistics of the trip. My mother in law came with us as well to help watch Jed and Mason. She gets extra grandmother time, and I get help with the kids as I figure out single dad missionary life. It's a win-win!

The Lord has been working greatly since I have returned! I was shopping in a store and invited the store owner to church. The owner told me that the Lord had been working in their heart and that they needed to get back into church. They came the next Sunday! I later found out that they hadn't been to church in 7 years. I'm glad God doesn't just want the lost to get saved, but He also wants the wayward to return. A few weeks later, this store owner brought their entire family to church! They are now regularly coming.

Our Orphanage has expanded and we have taken on 14 new children in addition to the ones we already cared for. Our discipleship ministry is thriving and we praise the Lord that not only are people getting saved, but they are getting grounded in the faith!

Please pray for several situations. First, please pray for rain. There has been a 3 month drought that has been devastating for the villages. Most of their crops have died and many are going hungry. I just got a report that 19 died in one village from starvation. We have been giving what food we can to the Baptist churches in our area to try to help. Rain would help things greatly. I went to a regional reconciliation conference that was aimed at reuniting national pastors with missionaries as well as national pastors with each other. The conference went well and the Lord moved. I've been asked to be part of the administration for the remaining 3 conferences. Please pray that I can help as we make preparations with the notes, with the logistics and planning, as well as with prayer in asking God to bring Baptists across the country into the unity God's Word commands us to have. Please also pray for me personally. God has helped me greatly since I've returned but things have not been easy. The veteran missionary i work with is on furlough and my Mother in Law's tourist visa is about to expire and she will return home. Things have already been busy but that is about to exponentially increase. Please pray for wisdom and patience as I seek to serve the Lord while being the father my 2 sons need. Please pray that God will bring me a wife and the boys a mother in His timing and through His way.

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 - Rain for Uganda
- 4 - For the shipping container to arrive safely and without anything missing or damaged
- 5 - For me to help me be a good single dad missionary until