



Happenings with the Klepps

August 2018

Headed Back!

It's time again.... Packing, sorting, more packing (It is always a challenge to try to figure out what is most needed for the next year of life in South Sudan. 25lbs of school books for Gideon - check. Extra food supplies for one year – check. How much toothpaste will we use in a year? Anyway, you get the point). Then saying goodbyes followed by long hours in planes and vehicles. We headed out on August 9 from Philadelphia. We arrived in Entebbe, Uganda and will be here a few days and then travel to Arua, Uganda where we will have some business to attend to. We will reach Yei (Lord willing) on the 20th of August.

We have had an amazing time traveling through out the United States: 6000 miles, 21 states, churches, lots of friends, family, and time in the van! We so appreciate everyone who welcomed us into their homes and churches. It is always a blessing to share what the Lord is doing in South Sudan and receive the encouragement from so many as we go out. We felt like God helped us see some strategies to use as we return to continue building His kingdom in South Sudan.

The most common questions with the answers we gave are:

- Is it safe? Well, yes and no. Things in South Sudan are still a big mess, but Yei has settled down quite a bit and we feel good about going back. At Harvesters Yei, we feel like we live in a “bubble” and God has miraculously kept the campus and people there safe and sound.
- What will you be doing? We continue in a supportive role to the amazing staff that keep things going well. There are 130 children to care for and a school for about 500, so it is a big job. Lance does maintenance and focusses his discipleship on the male workers and High school boys. Kim homeschools Gideon and has opportunity to disciple the girls and women staff.
- How are the children and staff? They are coping well with all they have been through in recent years. There is a lot of difficulties they have experienced through this civil war and we are hoping to help them work through that. As I have said before, the South Sudanese are some of the most resilient people I've ever met.
- Are there any other missionaries? NO. Not at this time on Harvesters. However, there are 2 single ladies with another ministry that we get to fellowship with time to time. We are praying for more to join us and our friends in Terekeka.

Join us in praying for the following requests:

- Pray for safety, good health, and protection for us as we resume life in Yei. We have seen God's hand of protection over us in the past year and are SO incredibly thankful for the prayers of the saints.
- Pray for wisdom to know how to help parent 130 children, 70 of which are teenagers.
- Pray for sensitivity to the Holy Spirit to know when to speak, when to listen, and when to sit back and when to push forward.
- Pray that we will experience joy together as a family and that we will not walk in hopelessness or fear.

We will let you know how things are going once we get settled. Please feel free to email and update us on your lives. Connection with friends and family is one of the greatest gifts you can give us.

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Brothers



Family Time

Cousins





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time on a tractor!

