

TRACKING THE TABBS

February 28, 2024

(Mary writes)

Dear Friends and Family,

Waller is preparing to take another trip to Uganda, and I, Mary, desire that his trip to be covered with prayer. 2 Cor 1:11 "You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many." Waller plans to be in Uganda for three weeks. Let me share with you his plans knowing that sometimes the Lord redirects our steps for His purposes.

Travel from Florida to Uganda departing **February 29** at 2:00 pm and arriving March 1 at 11:30 pm.

*Week 1 Waller will be in Entebbe working **remotely** with the Babwisi translators on the book of Leviticus in the Lubwisi language. The benefit of being in Uganda instead of working from Lakeland, FL is that he can spend the entire day on a Zoom meeting with the translators instead of just a few early hours.

*Week 2 He will travel to Hoima to work **in person** with the Bagungu translators on Genesis chapters 1-11 in the Lugungu language.

*Week 3 He will travel back to Entebbe to work **in person** with the Banyole translators on the book of 1 Kings in the Lunyole language.

Travel from Uganda to Florida departing **Friday, March 22** at 12:30 am and arriving 7:45 pm.

Please pray for:

Safe travels for Waller and the translators.

Good internet connections for Week 1.

Clear communication and wisdom during the consultant checks.

God's Word to minister to Waller's heart and to the hearts of all the translators.

Waller and I appreciate your interest in the progress of Bible translation in these languages.

Thank you!

Mary

(And now a longish postscript written from Waller in Entebbe, Uganda on the evening of March 2, 2024)

I am very grateful to have traveled safely and well on the three flights that took me from Tampa to Washington, DC, to Brussels, Belgium, and lastly to Entebbe, Uganda. After changing currency and collecting my bag, I arrived at the Sisters of St. Mary Reparatrix convent and guest house around 12:30 am today.

On the last leg of the journey, I met Robert who was from Germany coming to make wedding arrangements with his fiancée. He came here on a venture to support skateboarding in Uganda. In the last couple of years Robert would take the cheaper airlines, lesser known, but those which would allow two pieces of luggage and in them he would pack spare parts, protective gear, and shoes. He would cram his clothes in carry-on. "The guys are just so grateful!" he exclaimed. The guys in Mukono built a skateboard park with their own funds and formed a club in partnership with Robert. Now Robert finds himself engaged to be married and one of the major partners of the Ugandan Olympic Skateboard team! Paris 2024, baby! I did get to express my respects for fellow German Martin Luther for his contribution as a Bible translator and theologian who preached that a person is justified in God's sight by faith in Jesus Christ alone. He seemed somewhat receptive, but I think the prospect of seeing his fiancée may have been more on his mind at the moment.

I really like my accommodations here. The convent sits atop of Bugonga hill which has a view of Lake Victoria, the second largest fresh water lake in the world. The balmy lake breezes together with the 3800' of altitude make the climate very comfortable. In fact, Entebbe and Lakeland, FL had the same high temperature (81°F) today, and here it was sunny and bright. It's now past midnight, Sunday morning, it's been a good day. The first of 21 days away from home. I have listened to music and read some Scripture. Everyone must hear "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring." And everyone should read Psalm 19 in the language that speaks to their heart. Think of benefits of God's Law: converting the soul, making wise the simple, rejoicing the heart, enlightening the eyes! God's Word has done all that and continues to do that to me. It is a privilege to do what we in partnership do together. May God's Word also do that for others. PS 19:14. Waller

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