

December 1, 2020

Dear praying friends,

2 Timothy 2:3 says, *"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."* Persecution of the New Testament local church has existed for over 2,000 years as Christians around the world have been targeted for their faith and relationship with Jesus Christ. Over the past year, persecution has increased in North America. Churches in the United States and Canada are being fined for exercising their Constitutional rights to assemble in God's House. In many cities, churches have been forced to close their doors while bars, clubs, shopping centers, and flights have been deemed "essential." Truly, we are facing uncertain times. What a sobering reminder this past year has been to me personally! We must be vigilant. We must be praying for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. We must recommit ourselves to improving our walk with God. We must appreciate our local churches and cherish the moments that we can spend in them. May God give us grace to stay faithful as a new year approaches.

The first semester of our Advanced Missionary Training at Baptist Bible Translators Institute (BBTI) is quickly coming to an end. During the last two weeks of school, we are taking an ethnomusicology class which emphasizes the importance of making a hymn book in the language of the people. In addition to the music class, we will also be finishing our Phonemics course which has been challenging and informative.

Our son, Carson, will turn two years old this month! His ability to remember every detail and his uncanny knack for doing "everything that daddy does" are just two of the ways that he keeps us on our toes! We are truly grateful for the wonderful son that God has given us.

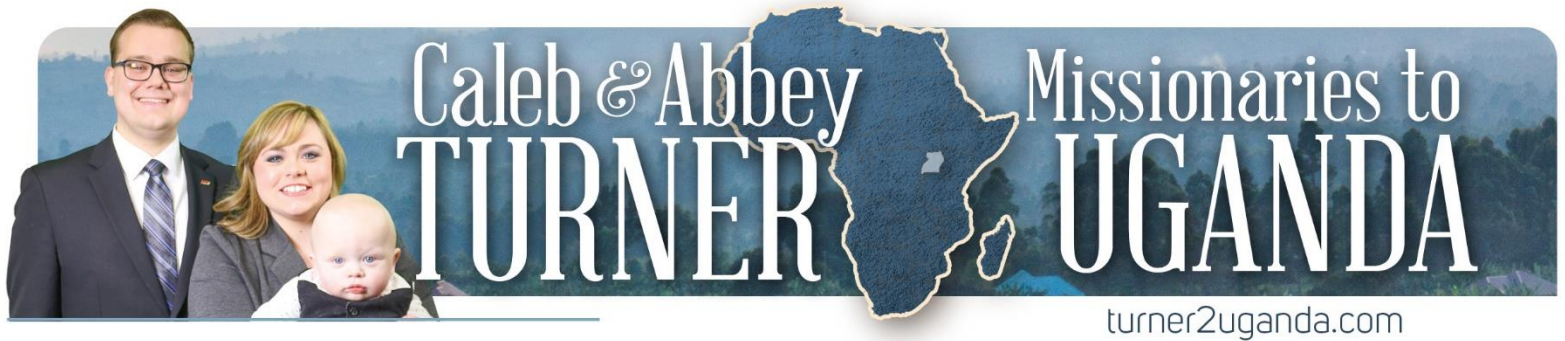
As we reflect on the year 2020, I want to share some blessing that God has given to us:

1. **Recovery from COVID.** For several weeks, I struggled with the virus that is plaguing our world, but I am thankful that I have made a full recovery!
2. **Time with family.** Abbey's family was able to travel down to the DFW area for Thanksgiving, and we were able to make some special memories.
3. **Money provided for vehicle maintenance and repairs.** It has been amazing to see God work through vehicle repairs that were needed this past year! God is faithful!
4. **Bible Baptist Church in Bowie, TX.** We are very grateful to have a local church in which we can serve while attending BBTI. Over the past three months of living here in Bowie, Pastor Steve Summers and the people of BBC have been an incredible blessing and encouragement to our family!

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5. **Meeting new people and building relationships.** God has allowed us to make friends with some very encouraging people. He has a way of sending the right people at the right time to be a blessing in our lives.
6. **Money provided for survey trip.** This past year, we had an individual provide the finances needed to pay for our survey trip tickets. Due to the virus, we have been unable to reschedule our trip, but we are praying that it will happen in Feb. 2021.
7. **God's people continue to give.** I have been extremely encouraged by the faithful giving of God's people. Over the last year, our needs have been met, and we have not been wanting for anything. We praise the Lord that our support level is now 106%, which will give us a much-needed buffer in our first term on the field.

May God continue to bless you as you serve Him faithfully! **Ephesians 3:20** says, "*Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.*"

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
Caleb, Abbey and Carson Turner

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