



Happy New Year!!

January 2025

What a blessing to have lived another year serving the Lord! I am thankful for the many life lessons that our family was able to learn in 2024. Allow me to share a few of these:

1. **Prayer does work!** Our family had been praying for several years that God would allow us to have another child, and thousands of people around the world joined us in asking God for this specific request. What a joy it was when we discovered that God answered this prayer in June!
2. **The ministry requires patience.** In Uganda, there is a funny joke regarding time. “Muzungu time” and “Africa time” are the terms used. Muzungu (white man) time means that events or meetings will happen at the exact time they are scheduled; while Africa time means that events or meetings do not happen at the scheduled time but rather hours later. The frustration that occurs when a planned encounter such as a meeting or scheduled work does not take place when it was supposed to has become something to which we have had to adjust. God has graciously begun the process of teaching the value of patience in doing ministry in Uganda.
3. **Dependence on God should be a daily occurrence.** The simplistic lifestyle of most Ugandans is one that varies greatly from that of an American in many ways. While contemplating and observing the way in which Ugandans live, God reminded me of the words found in Mt. 6:11, “Give us this day our daily bread.” Because most nationals live on the income they receive daily, the idea of depending on God for each day’s provision is normal to them. God challenged me with this thought because Americans can be so futuristically minded that we forget to trust the Lord for our daily needs. To the Ugandans, daily dependence is a natural thing, but it is something that those of us who are privileged to be blessed with abundance must remember.

Please pray for the following requests in the month of January:

1. **Caleb’s return to Uganda.** I will be returning to Uganda for three weeks. Please pray that my new work permit will be ready for pickup at the immigration offices and for all the missionaries and guests who will be traveling at the of January to attend our annual BIMU Field Conference.
2. **Abbey’s pregnancy.** (*Tentative due date: March 23, 2025*) Thank you for praying for mom and our baby girl. Lord-willing, our new baby will be delivered in Indianapolis at the end of March.
3. **My father’s health.** Please continue to keep my dad, Pastor Ben Turner, in your prayers. He is still dealing with neuropathy in both legs and feet and needs miracle healing from the Lord!
4. **Carson and Abbey’s schooling.** Our son has resumed 1st grade, and Abbey will begin new classes next week as she continues her online master’s program through Crown College. Please pray that they both would be able to finish their lessons before the new addition to our family arrives.
5. **More People to Surrender to Worldwide Missions.** While the need for more laborers in North America is still great, we also need more laborers to surrender to be used of God around the world.

Your faithful servants in Christ,
Caleb, Abbey, and Carson Turner

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