

# the STENSAAS family

serving in Uganda since 1999

MATT AND KEILA | MARCUS | KENDRA | KIRSTEN | KIMBERLY



### 1st Faith Promise Commitment

During the month of December, I took three weeks to explain to the church step by step about going beyond our area to reach people with the Gospel. I showed them that it is every Christian's responsibility, but that we can't go everywhere. That is why we support missionaries. They prayed for the entire month about what God would have them commit for 2017. On Christmas day, **we took up our first faith promise commitment and it totaled 114,000/= which is about \$30 a month.** We still have some members who were gone to the village on Christmas Day, so that number could be even higher.

Please pray that our people will be faithful to their commitment to pray for and financially support world missions.

### Uganda's Uniqueness



In other words:  
Yield!

### Prayer Requests

- Bible translation work in Runyankore
- Rwenzori Baptist College
- finances to finish the church building
- Lhukonzo discipleship translation project

### Sending Church



Calvary Baptist Church  
1823 S. Miami Ave.  
Marshall, MO 65340  
660-886-9772  
Pastor Rodney Haggett

### Mission Board



PO Box 9  
Harrison, TN 37341  
423-344-5050  
[www.bimi.org](http://www.bimi.org)  
Africa Dir. Eric Bohman

### 100 Bags Given Out On Christmas Day

After our Christmas Day service, our church people divided up into four groups and distributed Christmas bags full of different types of food to the neighbors of the church along with the Christmas story and a Gospel message Christmas card.

We also distributed bags to the less fortunate and also to many of the local police force. **Christmas Day was a great time of giving.**



100 lbs. of rice, sugar, salt, etc.

### 90 Days Almost Finished

We are thankful for the 90 days that the municipal engineer has given to us to get more work done on the church building. We have been able to get the concrete part of the floor finished. We are now planning to finish the floor and baptistry with terrazo, install electricity and paint the entire building. **Please pray that the Lord will provide the money needed to finish the building.** We need the municipal engineer to give us our occupational permit.

### 4 More Being Baptized

We are so thankful that God is still working in the hearts of people here in Kasese. **Within these two months, we had seven people get saved and four others followed the Lord in believer's baptism.** Those baptized were quite excited to publicly profess Christ. It was a great blessing and encouragement to our church people as well.



Betty, Matt, Chris, Saad, Pamela

### 100+ Killed

The local media report over 100 people have been killed in the days surrounding November 27. There have been numerous clashes between the police/military and a local militia. This is the story in brief.

There has been a group of militants who have wanted to carve out their own country from parts of Uganda and Congo. President Museveni has said very clearly they will not get one inch of Ugandan soil. Many of these militants have been killing policemen to get their weapons. The military has also found training camps for this militia in the mountains. Much of this has been traced back to the local king (omusinga). The government told the king to surrender any militants who were hiding in his palace. He refused and the military went in to get them. Over fifty (the number is still unclear) were killed on that day alone. It sounded as if we were in the middle of a war. Our house is less than a quarter of a mile from the palace. The king has been arrested and is awaiting trial. The problem is that the opposition party to the president has taken the side of the king. There have been threats that if the king is not released there will be reprisal attacks.

**Please pray for those who have lost loved ones in this conflict. Please pray that people will forgive those who have wronged them. Please pray that God will give wisdom and restraint on both sides of the issue. Please pray for safety for us, our family, and our church family as well.**

Address: PO Box 66 Kasese, Uganda E. AFRICA  
Phone: 011-256-792-518-113

Email: [mkstensaas@tellafrica.org](mailto:mkstensaas@tellafrica.org)  
Website: [www.mstensaasfamily.com](http://www.mstensaasfamily.com)

Stay up-to-date with our brief monthly videos at [www.mstensaasfamily.com](http://www.mstensaasfamily.com)

