



Kerri Phillips

Reaching the Least of These in Uganda

May 21st – July 31st, 2025

Dear Family and Friends,

Let me start by once again thanking each of you for your support—both financially and through prayer—during my time back in the States for health reasons. Around May 13, I experienced the worst lupus flare-up I've ever had. Every joint hurt, and the pain on my left side was overwhelming.

I'm being very open and honest in this update, because in the past, I've kept many of my health issues to myself. But now, I know I need the Lord—and the Family of God—to lift me up in prayer daily.

On May 21, I returned to my lupus doctor, who ordered a full lupus blood panel (12 tubes of blood!). Just a few days later, on May 24, I was able to take a much-needed vacation with my family. It was a blessing! We all got the rest we needed—especially since my siblings are also in full-time ministry.

On May 30, Melissa and I flew to Washington, D.C., to visit our dear “Coaching Friend,” Jami! Though I was still recovering from the flare-up, I couldn't pass up the chance to be with these two women—I hadn't seen them together in 15 years! That night, we watched Jami's oldest daughter (whom we helped raise) graduate from high school.

The next day, May 31, we helped decorate for Cuylee's graduation party, and one of “OUR GIRLS” even came to the celebration!

On June 1, I had the joy of hearing Craig preach for both Sunday School and the main service. It brought back memories of our “GHB Days,” when we taught, coached, and ministered to teens together! I stayed near Chesapeake for a few more days to visit my sending church, and once again, I was reminded of how blessed I am to be part of the Family of God—I truly have “family” everywhere I go. It's also been such a blessing to hear from Uganda during this season. And I can't fully express how wonderful it was to be in my home church in Georgia on Father's Day, with my sweet Daddy O.

On June 18, I enjoyed another family vacation, and shortly after that, I had the privilege of attending Enrichment Week at the BIMi headquarters. Honestly, it was a complete miracle that I ended up there—but God knew exactly what I needed. That week was filled with POSITIVE encouragement, love, laughter, and healing—for me and many other missionaries walking through hard seasons.

To close out June, I was honored to share my testimony at a widow's luncheon. What a special day that was!

Then, on July 2, I had a very important follow-up appointment with my lupus doctor. So many of you prayed—and I'm thrilled to share that my doctor believes my body may be beginning to heal itself! Praise the Lord!

Later in July, I had the opportunity to represent BIMi at a youth conference, where I also had the incredible joy of leading a 12-year-old to the Lord.

Unfortunately, I ended the month with a bad reaction to some medications and spent my birthday in the hospital. Even so, my family went above and beyond to make the day special. If you ask me—I have the best family on the planet!

Thank you so much for your continued support and faithful prayers as I seek the Lord's will about where and how He would have me serve in the near future.

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May 26th, 2025 having
Beach time with my Momma!



May 21st, 2025 Lupus Doctor
appointment! This is my pretend
“MIL” (still in PAIN)



May 30th Together Again!!!



They grow up too fast! Our baby 🥹



Goofy Friends Forever!!!



All three Together for Jami that's
why we are pointing to Jami/Cuylee



Melissa and I did
the Balloon Arch
for the Party



Annie, one of
“Our Girls” made
it to the Party!



My Dear Friends!!!!



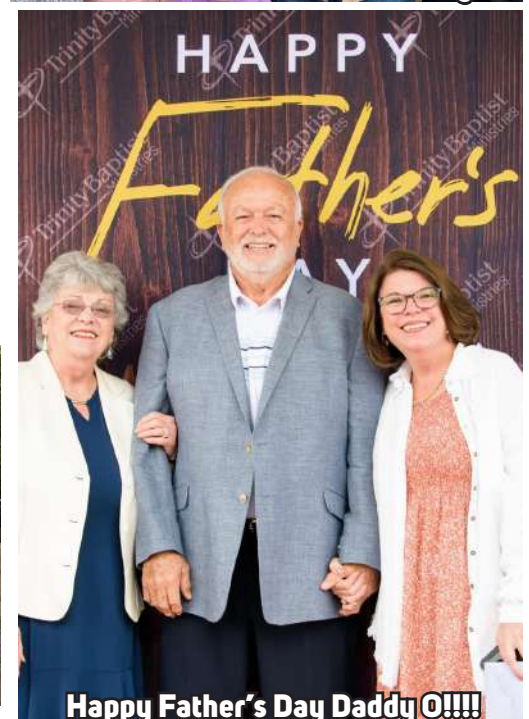
My Nieces!!!!



Hearing from Uganda!
Teach it, Mrs Racheal!!!!



The Progress of the
new Dorm at SOAP!!!!



Happy Father's Day Daddy O!!!!



Our Deaf Pastor!!!!



Together Again at the Beach!!!!



We had a blast Together!!!!



July 2nd, Great News from my Doctor!!!!



E-Week, 2025 @ BIM!!!!!



Positive Music All week!!!!



Representing BIM!!!! (My Favorite Thing to Do)



Selling a SOAP book!



Widow's Luncheon!!!! I met some of my Prayer Warriors!!!! 🥰



New SOAP Orphans

In January, thirteen new children arrived at SOAP to begin their academic and spiritual education. This group ranges from six to thirteen years old. Among this group there are three different local languages spoken and little if any English. They all tested into the lowest grade, although one of the older boys was moved to the next grade up after the first set of tests. They are all improving in their classes with a few of them even starting to read. Their writing has greatly improved, and they are beginning to understand English and the class routines. It is wonderful to see the smiles and hear the laughter of these children as they make friends and get adjusted to their new life here.



13 new SOAP orphans this year

Siblings from Far, Far Away

A group of three siblings, who arrived with the other new orphans in January came from a very far away village in northeastern Uganda. They were the most destitute children we have seen in a long time. The eldest, Pelly, a thirteen-year-old girl, has been caring for her two brothers, Justin (9 years) and Desmond (6 years) with no adult care or supervision whatsoever. Because of their state of poverty, we were a bit unsure of how they were going to adapt to their new surroundings. They have been a challenge to teach because they had absolutely no previous schooling and know very little Ateso, the local language spoken here. This makes using an Ateso translator difficult. But Pelly and Desmond have adapted well, and have many new friends. Justin has been struggling more than his siblings, mainly in school and in learning Ateso. Evidently, he was a bit unruly while in the village with no supervision, but we are confident that he will catch up to the level of his siblings in the near future.



Mailing Address: Pelly, Justin, and Desmond

Wonderful Update on SOAP!!!!



My CHAMPION Family!!!! They are all Champs in my book.



Delicious layered Chocolate Birthday Cake!!!!



Medical Update:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=bVhItV75cEA