



# Kerri Phillips

Reaching the  
Least of These in  
*Uganda*

January 2026

Dear Family, Friends, and Supporting Churches,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we begin a new year, our hearts are experiencing both new beginnings and sad goodbyes.

Rick and I were blessed to spend Christmas with my family, and it was especially meaningful that everyone was able to be together. We are thankful for that precious time of fellowship and encouragement.

This past month has also brought deep sorrow. My teammates and co-laborers in Uganda, Matt and Savannah Gardner, were involved in a tragic accident in which Savannah went Home to be with the Lord. Her funeral was held about two hours from BIMI, making it possible for Rick, Sarah (my teammate in Uganda), and me to attend. It was a privilege to be there to support Matt, their boys, and Savannah's family during this difficult time. We continue to praise the Lord for Savannah's faithful testimony and her love for Christ and others.

On a new chapter, I was able to move to Harrison, Tennessee, onto the BIMI property, and I began serving at the BIMI Home Office on January 2, 2026. I am grateful for this opportunity and ask for prayer as I adjust to this new role and location.

### Praise & Prayer Requests:

- Praise the Lord for His faithfulness through both joy and sorrow
- Pray for Matt Gardner and his boys, and for Savannah's family
- Pray for wisdom and grace as I serve at the BIMI Home Office as the CONNECT/SMART Trip Secretary
- I was asked to make a sign language video using Ugandan Sign Language—please pray for clarity, accuracy, and effectiveness as I complete this project

Thank you for your continued prayers, love, and support. We are grateful for each of you and for your partnership in the work of the Lord.

Shining for Jesus,  
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**Africa missionaries with Matt Gardner at Savannah's funeral**



**Helping with a BIMI mail out**



**Me and Sarah together again**



**Phillips Family Christmas 2025**



**Rick and I now work together at BIMI**

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