



May & June 2024



Let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. Psalm 5:11

Rejoicing, especially amid trials, is something we've been thinking about a lot lately. As you may know, our family will not be returning to Uganda on a full-time basis. We are in the process of making plans to return for a month or so this coming fall.

The first time our family traveled to Uganda, nearly ten years ago now, was for six months of Brent's seminary internship. While there we took a trip to a special place called Sipi Falls. On one of our days there, we hiked to the top of the middle of three waterfalls and sat on some boulders, from which the water drops 243 feet down and then flows past Sipi River Lodge, which we are convinced is one of the most peaceful and serene places on the planet.

From that spot on the edge of the precipice, the viewer can see for hundreds of miles across the hot, sandy, desert-region known as Karamoja. It is simultaneously breathtaking and overwhelming. The need in Karamoja is palpable, and yet the beauty and clear abundancy of Mount Elgon surrounds you.

Brent and I (Emily) sat there with our then nine-month-old taking in this sight - looking out for miles and miles - and we thought about all that the Lord had in store for us as we traveled back to the US to accept a position with AFLC World Missions to go to India. The picture of Karamoja laying out in front of us was like a symbol of all that seemed to be coming in our journey: wonder, uncertainty, anticipation, dread, excitement, the hard, the broken, the beautiful all wrapped up together.

And now, nine years later, we feel all those same things. We are metaphorically, though we wish literally, sitting on the edge of that precipice once again. Uncertain of what the Lord has in store, but well aware of the fact that there is something He's doing - and we know that it will be for our good and His glory! We look forward to sharing all of these things with you all as they unfold. If you are on the edge of a precipice, if you are also going through a major life transition, know that He will carry you through. *Trust in the Lord and lean not on your own understanding.* And pray for us as we do the same.

In Christ,

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Please pray for...

* For Frank, Nancy, and Dennis as they continue to go forward from their graduation, stepping out in faith and seeking opportunities to share the Word they have committed to heart with others. And for their continued growth in God's word and in the Spirit.

* For our family as we navigate our next steps; that we are sensitive to how the Lord desires to use us now in the US, for His good purposes. There are many large and small decisions and plans that need to be made in light of our family's inability to return to Uganda on a full-time basis. And please pray for our family as we continue to have many medical appointments, therapies, and traveling on this side.

* For the continued translation of the AI curriculum into Acholi. Year Two is largely translated but awaiting some editing. And then there are still the Romans and the Free & Living Congregations books after that.

* For our team, Nate & Rhoda Jore and Michael Rokenbrodt, as we all continue to seek the Lord's direction and for opportunities in our communities for church planting and Bible training. The Jores and Michael are currently all in the US. The Jores will be traveling to Uganda on June 30th and then in August they will be full-time with International Orality Institute; please pray for them as they walk through these huge life changes.

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