

MAINE 2 MITYANA MISSION
Beth and the Rev. Chuck Bradshaw
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To our dear family, friends and partners in the Maine 2 Mityana mission,

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

We send you greetings from Mityana during this Lent season.

At St. John's, Lulagala yesterday morning, Chuck was thanked with applause after he read the Gospel in Luganda. We are thankful for our language teacher, Maama Christine who is helping him become fluent. As for me, I am happy to greet and respond to people who speak to me in Luganda.

The reading for the 4th Sunday in Lent was from Matthew 18:21-35. Peter asks Jesus how many times he should forgive someone. Jesus tells him 70 x 7 times. Jesus goes on to tell the story of a man who is forgiven much, but refuses to forgive. It did not end well for him because of his choice not to forgive. We are recipients of God's forgiveness every day, so let's be quick to forgive others and free them and ourselves from burdens too heavy to bear.



The Library— before

Things happen here in Uganda, "mpola, mpola" which means slowly by slowly. It's an expression I use often which always brings a knowing chuckle from my Ugandan friends. It's handy when I teach music to non-English speaking students and as I struggle to understand this culture day by day.

I'm excited to report that your prayers and financial partnership with us have made some changes at Bp. Lutaaya. (see the before and after photographs of the library and Early Childhood Development building).

The library has had upgrades in order to protect the books from the dusty environment and to catalog them. You can see from the photo that it is also the organ practice room. You can't see the large sacks of rice and maize flour which are also kept there, but there is a plan to relocate the food, mpola mpola. The library is beginning to resemble the vision Chuck had for it when we first arrived a year and a half ago.



The Library— after (and music practice room)

The ECD building has been painted with funds from the jewelry made during the holiday Music, Computer and Crafts classes. The beads were donated by several Church of Our Father members to make the necklaces to sell for the children at the college daycare. I'm not a good saleslady, but fortunately there were students with that gift of selling.

You may have heard that there is an outbreak of typhoid in many areas in Uganda including Mityana. This is because of the shortage of water during this extended dry season. People have been drinking contaminated water and getting seriously sick. We are able to provide filtered water to those who ask us for it.



The ECD Schoolhouse— before



The ECD Schoolhouse— after

Mark 9:41 says, "I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward."

We feel the time is right to provide a water purification system and additional rainwater collection tanks for the college. We will use the balance of the special project money in our SAMS account that many of you have contributed to. If you would to help us with this, you can send money to our SAMS "special project" account directly at

<https://secure-q.net/Donations/SAMS/3289> As

Americans, we take our abundant, healthy water supply for granted, but this basic need is a challenge here.

On the 22nd of next month, we will celebrate our 31st marriage anniversary and this month we are giving thanks for the half way point of our time in Mityana. We invite and encourage you to make plans now to visit us in the next year. This is an opportunity to experience life in Africa, see how we live and meet some of the friends we have been blessed to get to know. God has been so good to us and we want to share our life here with you.

"Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live." 1 Thess. 5:18 (The Message)

Faithfully,

Beth & Chuck+