

MAINE 2 MITYANA MISSION
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“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.” (2 Corinthians 3:17-18)

Dear Partners in Prayer and Mission,

It is now a month since we returned to Uganda after 5 weeks in the United States. It was sad to say good-bye to family and friends in the USA. But as our plane flew south from Amsterdam above the Sahara Desert, I looked forward to returning to our work after a long absence.

Some time before this year is over, we will go back to USA to stay— or to listen for further directions from the Lord. I am already grieving, a little. I am anxious about ending our time well, and about a good “hand-over” of the work we’ve been doing, to Ugandan hands. What unspoken expectations (on both sides) have not been fulfilled? Will the relationships continue, and on what terms?

Our situation reminds me once again that in 2½ years we have not really become Ugandan. We and our friends here seem to be worlds apart in our attitudes toward time. G.K. Chesterton said if for me (in a different context): “If we hesitate, we shall soon have to hurry. But if we start doing it quickly we have still time to do it slowly.” If my colleagues here share my sense of urgency, they do not show it. Please pray for us: for listening skills, good judgment, relationships of trust, and stewardship of time.

Construction on the Music House continued while we were away. There is still a lot left to do. But tomorrow we will be holding music classes in the building that did not exist 4½ months ago! You, our dear partners in the US, have made this possible. Friends here are amazed to see what has been accomplished in so little time. They do not hesitate to call it a miracle. Every week Bishop Kaziimba takes groups of church members (potential donors to the Cathedral) up the hill to see the construction work at the Cathedral, and then brings them to the College to admire the Music House.



Music House 2 months ago



Music House today

We thank God for our leave in the United States from mid-March to mid-April. We enjoyed spending time with my mother and other family members in Boston. We met two great-nieces and a great-nephew who had

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been born after our last visit to the US. We were deeply moved by the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. We were inspired and challenged by the preaching of the Gospel.

In Maine, members of the Church of Our Father, our sending congregation, welcomed us, housed us, fed us, prayed with us, helped us with computer repairs and software updates, and showered us with donated musical



The Jazz Ensemble from MDIHS

instruments and other useful things. An evening concert held at St. Saviour's Church in Bar Harbor, with music performed by the high school jazz band and an illustrious local pianist, brought forth a generous sum of money toward the construction of the Music House.

The first week of April we spent in Ridgecrest, North Carolina, at the SAMS Retreat followed by the New Wineskins Conference for Global Missions. About 1,000 Anglican missionaries, intercessors, and supporters of Christian mission attended the Conference— 3 days of worship, stirring speakers, seminars, and visiting with old and new friends.

At a time when I was wondering how this mission will end, and what the Holy Spirit's

real reasons were for our coming to Mityana, I left the Conference with an assurance that our efforts and our Ugandan relationships have something to do with the New Creation that the Lord is preparing. We do not "run in vain or labor in vain" (Philippians 2:16). We are most grateful for all the "people of good hearts" (to borrow one of Bishop Kaziimba's expressions) who stand with us.

Faithfully,

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