



ALISHA STENSAAS - SHARON ARINAITWE IN UGANDA, EAST AFRICA

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Christmas jerrycans...

Sending Church

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November and December were very busy months. Though the calendar schedule was packed, we enjoyed our time with so many of our different groups and zones. Our first stop was at Kabasese. These teachers are very committed and many times have to wade through deep water to come to training. Both churches in that group were able to earn their chalkboards for their



classes. They will try to earn their benches the next time we meet. We gave each teacher a jerrycan for Christmas. They use jerrycans to carry water from the nearest borehole as most do not have running water.

Our carpenter was able to finish making the fifteen benches, that had been earned by our zones in the east, in time for our meeting with the teachers. John, our builder, travelled and delivered them to the east side of Uganda. We



started with our Mbale zone and had a wonderful time. Seven of the churches were able to go home with a bench for their children's churches. They also went home with jerrycans for Christmas. The teachers are all excited because the next time we meet they will be crossing from the Old Testament to the New Testament. The teachers were so sweet and bought Sharon and I a card and some Christmas gifts.

Next was Kaliro, where we met with both our Western and Eastern zones. Everything went very well. Eight of the churches between the two groups took benches home. Jerrycans were had by all and we were also able to add in some fun games, where some were able to go home with extra gifts for Christmas.



We arrived back to Masaka in time for the church's Missions Conference. The special speaker was our friends and supporters, Steve and Sarah Raglin. Steve is a Pastor in Illinois. They were such a blessing while they were here and we enjoyed our time with them. During the conference, we also did training with the teachers in Masaka and our group of four churches in Mbirizi. One of the four earned their chalkboard. Three of the four earned their bench for their classes and we are hoping the carpenter will be finished so we can take them when we meet with them in January. We are so thankful for all these churches and teachers that we get to work with in reaching their children.

Prayer Requests

- Remainder of N.T. Curriculum
- Village training
- Sharon's mom - salvation
- Prevention for Sharon's migraines
- Sharon's visa approval