## Wright Family to Uganda February 2024

Dear Praying Friends,

#### **Youth Alive**

We've begun to call our growing youth group "Youth Alive," ranging in ages from 13 to 19. We're thankful for Brother Axis who is leading this group and doing a good job with it. In 2023, he led activities for them each Saturday night; Sara has started a Bible study with the girls; and many of them are attending our blocked institute classes over each term break. In January were able to send 29 of these teens to a week of Bible camp in Arua. We praise the Lord for the decisions that were made; please pray for these kids as they follow up on their decisions to get baptized, to live for Christ in their communities, and even to go into full time ministry.

### **College Decisions**

Since several of these teens feel like the Lord wants them in ministry, we are prayerfully considering how to help them in a better way. We are not sure our own college will adequately challenge them in the way they need to go since they would still be living so close to the places they grew up. Instead, we are sensing that the Lord is leading us to send a few of these kids who are from our church here in Gulu down to Kampala to a different college, East Africa Baptist College, started by one of our BIMI colleagues.

In particular, we will be sending one young lady named Kendra even this year, in just a couple weeks; so please pray for her specifically. Also, please pray for several of the young men, including Solomon and Jordan, who may go next year.

In our own college here in Gulu, we've had three men this last year. Although some have come and gone, we praise the Lord that we had our first graduate in December. Please pray for Matthew as he continues to grow in the Lord and seeks

God's will for his life. We are praying for more men in our college, and we're focusing on our village young men who are not yet married. One man, Benson, has expressed interest. He is from Pastor Patrick's church plant in Padibe. We would like to have a few more men; please pray with us as we also consider who to accept in our college here in Gulu.

# **Family Christmas**

We are so thankful we were able to have all five kids home for Christmas. This has been the first time in three years we've all been together in Gulu; and it may not ever be able to happen again, since Andrew and Joseph are both following the Lord in the different paths God has for them. Christmas was such a precious time; and what a joy to sit down in person with our kids who are now young adults and hear how they are walking in Truth on their own! We are thankful they are seeing God's faithfulness and provision in their own lives; please pray that God will continue to provide for their college bills, especially. This summer Andrew is considering a pastoral internship in Indianapolis, and Joseph is planning on being a counselor at the Wilds Christian Camp in North Carolina.

## **Prayer Requests**

- -The teens of Kica Baptist Church that they will live for God.
- -Wisdom in sending kids to East Africa Baptist College.
- -Wisdom in adding more students to our own Bible college.
- -Continued wisdom in helping our leaders grow in character.
- -Reaching people through Calvary Radio 105.3 FM.
- -Finally, please always be in prayer for our family.

Yours for Uganda,

Nate, Sara, Andrew, Joseph, Susanna, Caleb, and Daniel Wright!

