

Dear Precious Friends,
Greetings from Uganda! We are happy to greet you and let you know how your partnership with us is impacting Mengo Hospital and the nearby community.

Mengo Reaches out

You prayed and....the Uganda Christian University Medical and Dental School opened on August 20th. It took longer than expected to hammer out the details, renovate a building for the school and organize lecture halls and student accommodation, etc. Uganda Christian University owns the school and will run the academic program, while Mengo Hospital will provide clinical training for both dental and medical students.

Below is the pioneer class of fifty medical and ten dental students along with some of those who will be involved in teaching the students. The arrows point to the father son combination of Dr. James Magara and his son David.

Our home is behind these trees.



James – an intern with Ken over thirty years ago

His son David

A tale of two interns—33 years apart

In 1982, three years after I arrived in Uganda, Makerere University opened a dental school. The first class consisted of ten students, but before long that number had dwindled to two - James and Paul. They were determined to stick with it, in spite of the challenges of being the only students left in the new school. They started coming to Mengo as students and later as interns in order to gain clinical experience by observing and working under my supervision. Both have gone on to become highly successful dentists. Thirty-three years later James' son David has joined the pioneer class of the UCU dental school, following in his father's footsteps. Before long he will be working under my supervision as his father did. Our children attend an international Christian school started by James and his wife Lorna. How about that for a small world!

Getting personal

How will I (Ken) be involved in the new dental school along with running a 10-chair dental clinic with over 30 staff? My main focus now is on getting a place for the students to actually work on patients. Options include letting them use our clinic, remodeling and adding chairs to our clinic in a different section, or finding a nearby place that can be converted into a clinical facility. Please pray for wisdom and God's provision for us as we seek the best option.

30 Girls with 30 babies

Since May fellow staff women Rhoda, Robina, Rita, Sarah, Joyce and I (Lynn) have been helping disciple thirty girls and their unborn babies at a nearby residential crisis pregnancy center. We have been showing them sessions of a discipleship mentoring film called *Walking with Jesus*. It's a teaching film that is set in Kenya with

Kenyan actors, so it resonates well with African audiences. The girls have liked it and have paid close attention to it, especially when the Luganda language version is used. Luganda is the main language of most of the girls. We also use discipleship booklets with three groups of roughly ten girls each where they look up Scriptures and answer questions.

I had Mercy, one of the girls in my group, lead part of a discipleship booklet and she did well. Interestingly, at the end of leading the lesson she asked if anyone wanted to receive Christ. There was silence and then Mercy volunteered to give *her* life to Christ! Rita led her to Christ through a simple prayer. Sometimes the girls get a little out of hand with teasing and laughing with each other, but it's a far cry from the first time we met them when they hardly said a word.

This month the girls finished the third Cru discipleship booklet, *Beginning Your New Life in the Holy Spirit*. There are six booklets but not all of the girls will finish the series as some are giving birth and going back to



Chapmans at home August 2018
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their guardians. My favorite sentence in the discipleship booklet is, "The Christian life is not meant to be just a list of rules and regulations or a program of rituals and ceremonies. God intends us to have a vital, personal relationship with Him. This is why He revealed Himself to mankind in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ."

God bless you and let us know more about how we can pray for you.

Warmly in Christ,

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