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Change is good. God is good. As most of you know, Waffle and I are in a transition time now. We have resigned from Christian Veterinary Mission and are in the process of choosing another mission to work with. We love the exciting and fruitful ministries that the Lord has given us in Uganda, and we still feel led to be here and to work with CLIDE, our indigenous partner. Which form our ministries will take, however, is still to be ascertained. We praise God that all of His paths are Loving Kindness and Truth. (Ps. 25:10) We are on a good path, and Waffle and I praise God for His leading up to this point and the joyful hope that He has instilled in us. We also praise God that YOU are part of this process with us and are standing by our side.

We have enjoyed having many of you come out and serve with us here. We had some delightful and interesting visitors work with us over the last few months: A couple teams of rugged construction guys and gals roughed it with us in the dust and mud of the Peace Villages, building a kitchen for our new Primary School there.



An energetic vet came and helped us train herdsmen to be Community Animal Health Workers then vaccinated and did surgeries on dozens of village dogs and cats; and another fun vet came to work with Val on a goat revolving loan ministry, where more than a dozen people turned their lives over to Christ.



We also had couple of nonchalant US Army intelligence agents casually exploring the depth insecurity (Al Shabab and Sudanese rebels) in the area (no photo available). Each visitor had unique and valuable giftings to present to the table, serving God with all that they had. Some were great with planning, and developed an excellent blueprint for the school kitchen (good job, Mark) or planned for security emergencies (our unnamed US Army guys!). Others were great with interacting with the community members (Mary! Gail!) and pastors (Yes Mike,

you are our pastor of pastors!) Others put their brawn into the grueling manual labour and welding (Paul, John, Spenser and our Kiwi Darrell!), while some put finesse on cement slabs (Brad, you really know what you are doing!), or climbed ladders and got paint on their ears for Jesus (Julie and James!)



Some traveled or hiked with us long distances in the heat of the day to go share the gospel, preach or dance with warriors (you're great, Andy and Jerry!), while others climbed mountains to show God's love for animals and hunter/warriors (Liz, you are a real champion!). Each of you were a gift from God to us and the communities. We are all "lumps of clay" that the Lord molds into a good form and purpose. We appreciate the time and sacrifices that you invested to bring hope and wholeness to people in need and joy to us, your friends!

We will be coming to the states in April, and we still need help and advice from all of you. Whether we are building a kitchen, treating a dog, or preaching the gospel, you, the body of Christ in the US, are part of us. We need you to share your experiences and the glimpses of truth that God has put in you, to help to guide us. We

would like to ask you to please be a part in strategizing with us and choosing our next ministry partners. We love to work together with you and have been strengthened by your humble service with us.



Our options are numerous. Each of them has components that we love: Team ministry with discipleship and short term missionary training; Training national pastors and working with indigenous churches; mentoring missionary apprentices; building redemptive relationships with the poor through community development, peace building, child sponsorship, environmental stewardship, or herbal medicine production. The Baptists need a Pig Farmer Missionary in Uganda. Maybe pig farming for Jesus is our true destiny!?! 😊

As God is putting a New Song in our hearts, we would like you, as our friends, colleagues and family members, to add your voices into this amazing ministry orchestra. An African drumbeat echoes the rhythm, while our soon-to-be-harmonizing chords are blending into a sweet melody. We want to take the month of April to hear from you, as you are feeling led, to help us synchronize our heart strings as the Spirit of God conducts these next few stanzas. Sometimes God gives us new verses for a familiar song, but perhaps a whole new tune will rise inside of us! We expect a few dyssynchronous tones along the way, but God is one and we are one. His purposes are perfect. We are seeking wisdom, and God always provides and move forward in joy, peace, freshness and excitement. Email us: Waffle at wafflecrm@aol.com, Val at AfricaVet@yahoo.com or send us a Facebook message so that we can meet up when we come. Thanks!

Yours in Hopeful Expectation of God's evolving purposes,

Val and Waffle