

November 1, 2023

Dear beloved friends and partners,

Greetings from Uganda. We are hoping that this letter finds you well. Time flies so fast yet full of grace. Truly the Lord stands by His Word. We've seen what He alone could have done and believe what He is yet to do. He cannot deny himself (2 Timothy 2:13).



It has been a year and a half since we arrived and engaged in our temporary field assignment. As we approached the end of our assigned time, we confronted this question: Should we stay on in Uganda or go back to Myanmar? It took many prayers as we pondered this crossroad. We must consider how much we can do, as we feel we already are in the latter part of our cross-cultural life. We felt we needed to return to Myanmar to continue our commitment to the Southeast Asian region. It was a blessing though, that we had to decide between two great fields of clear possibilities.



Much of our time in the ministry here was spent in training, mentoring, and helping the administrative structure of the renamed **Abounding Grace Church** leadership. We initiated a training system that equips able men and women to simultaneously apply their knowledge to experience. Through this, they can increase in quality and quantity on their own. They are also prepared to objectively face practical challenges that come to test their vision and motivation in the activities of church planting and saturation of the message of grace. A particular example was the stiff challenge of attempting to start another church in Entebbe. They are learning to evaluate failures, celebrate success, and deliberate on ways to fill the gap as a must for further church planting.

We prayed as we came here, that we would also be instrumental as senior missionaries to the new ones. Roland and Beverly Improso were sent to work with us as an answer to our prayers. We not only enjoy working



together, but we also rejoice that we can share our knowledge and experience for their formation in becoming an effective resource of knowledge and motivation as they work with the nationals. As we prepare to leave, we know that the ministry is in good hands as the Ugandan leadership pledged a continuation of the things we've started together. It is also exciting to be a part of Roland and Beverly's new parenthood experience with the arrival of baby Cyron. A "grandma and grandpa" like us could surely share some experiential tips to help raise a little one born in the mission field.

THINGS TO COME MISSION



P.O. Box 127
Beech Grove, IN 46107
(317) 783-0300
tcm@tcmusa.org
www.tcmusa.org

UGANDA NEWS

from

Gardner & Ledith

IMPROSO



NONPROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 9057



As we considered returning to Myanmar, we could see a little opening of the door of opportunity that was temporarily closed for us during the pandemic and the country's political crisis. We're set to leave Uganda on the 10th of December and will spend 3 months in the Philippines, primarily for medical purposes. Ledith feels increasingly serious discomfort caused by her gallstone problem. It will be high time for her to go for an overdue surgery and find out whether there are any other complications to deal with. As of now, she is on medications that will hopefully sustain her until the surgery right after New Year. Your prayers will be highly appreciated that all our needs of wisdom and finances for this procedure will be provided.

As our International Director Ben Anderson formally announced that we would be sent back to Myanmar, we couldn't help but feel the sadness of being again in the "departure area." Though we are instructed to be patient and flexible, we can certainly feel the bond that holds us at home in Uganda. However, we assure them that communication will stay unbroken. We are committed to being a part of their continuous training through online classes and in prayers and support to the ongoing projects and ministries. Our minds will continue with the plans to start a radio ministry, property, and church building projects, and the increasing requests of leaders from other independent churches to hear the distinctives of the grace message. Thankfully we can use modern ways of communication, even being able to see each other face to face from two different continents.



Again, we are about to face changes. Though we already experienced Myanmar for 3 years, much has changed since we left in 2020. There were changes caused by the pandemic and the political upheaval from a democratic government back to military control. The latter may have a significant effect on the nature and requirements of our working visas. As you may know, the only way we can stay in the country is through having part-time employment. We are on our knees that an employer will be granted who can meet all the requirements for our work visas. However, we are kept on a positive note that your partnership can always make a change for the better. With this, we want to heartily express our appreciation for your unchanging desire to partner with us, along with our hope for the blessings the Lord prepares for you in return.

For the unreached to the glory of God,

Gardner & Ledith Improso