



Well, it's been quite a trip and so far we've only made it to Uganda! Chris & Lisa Mars left from Chicago on Sunday night (they took a different airline as they had frequent flyer miles that they could use towards the ticket) and arrived in Uganda on Tuesday morning, around 8am. Their trip went well and they were picked up by Pastor Solomon and didn't even stop at the hotel, instead went directly to the medical clinic (about a 90 minute drive away). Since Lisa is a nurse, she was "itching" to start treating the children at the school with a bad case of ringworm. After several hours, and after treating about 50 patients, jetlag began to catch up with Lisa and they were brought back to the Sophie's Motel to rest.

Tara Wallace, Maria Winston, my wife Rose & I all left on Monday afternoon and arrived in Uganda on Tuesday around 10pm local time. Pastor Solomon was again there to pick us up and take us to our hotel, he is such a gracious host! We were exhausted, but not too tired to skip catching up with Chris & Lisa over a dish of chicken curry and rice. The showers were cold, but hey, at least we had showers and it was nice to freshen up after our travels. We finally made it to bed around midnight and slept most of the way through the night.



Wednesday morning we met for breakfast at 8am in the hotel restaurant for eggs & toast and were picked up by Pastor Solomon by 10am. We drove to downtown Kampala (capital city of Uganda) to exchange some money, and the traffic was once again "crazy". Imagine a city of 3 million people with no stop lights, and you'll get a pretty good picture of the traffic here. We drove out to the clinic as Lisa's services were again being requested and dropped her off to treat another 60 patients. One of the patients that she looked in on was a pregnant young lady who was in the middle of labor, so we as a team took time to pray for her before we left the clinic. We took a tour of Pastor Solomon's school and saw what a wonderful job he is doing with educating 400 children! We then drove out to Pastor Solomon's farm where he is raising chicken's and goats, along with cultivating a orchard of banana trees, papaya trees, passion fruit trees and other fruits that I

don't remember their name. The neat thing about the chickens is that people from our church sponsored the purchase through a microfinance loan of 1000 "layer" chickens 3 months ago and just this week they started laying eggs. There were almost 100 eggs picked up today with the hope of having over 800 eggs a day within the next few weeks. The profit from the sale of these eggs will help to finance all of the various ministries that Pastor Solomon has created.

We then went into town for a very nice "American" meal before heading over to a piggery. A little over a year ago, a man from Pastor Solomon's church named Balinda was unemployed (the unemployment rate in Uganda is around 80%) but he knew how to raise chickens. So, Pastor Solomon requested a micro-enterprise loan of only \$350 to start a chicken business. A couple from our church sponsored this business and Balinda purchased 200 chickens, raised them, and then sold them to pay back the loan. He did this a couple more times, and then decided to go into the Pig raising business. He purchased 2 pigs, and now has a total of 14 pigs hoping to continue to grow his farm to close to 100! His farm is doing well and now his whole family is getting involved in his business, this was so cool! All this from a \$350 loan!!

We hurried over to the church as they were having a Wednesday night service and we didn't want to be too late. They were in the middle of worship and it was amazing! They actually have almost 50 people on the stage dancing during the worship, it's something you would just have to experience yourself to fully understand. Then, each member of our team got up and shared what God had put on their heart, it was really good! I ended the service with a message on diligence, taken from the message I shared a few weeks ago. After service, we met a lady named Alice who has a young girl in a wheel chair named Rita and purchased some "paper bead" necklaces from her that she made for us. We are hoping to sell some of these necklaces at Art for the Heart of Africa later this month. We then drove back to the clinic to see the young mother and newborn baby son, both were doing well! Pastor Solomon drove us to his house to meet his family and his wife baked us some special bread and homemade mango juice as a late night snack. Pastor Solomon drove us back to the motel and it's now after 11pm as I type this.





Clint learning how to
"dance like a Ugandan"



Tara sharing from her heart at church



Rose taking a picture with Rita
(A special girl to the Schwartz family)



Ladies with Alice and their paper bead
necklaces (You can get yours at Art for
the Heart of Africa!)

Tomorrow we leave for Yei, Sudan and begin the second phase of our trip. God has been with us tremendously, especially in the details as all has gone extremely well. Please continue to pray for us as we continue our journey!!!

*Clint Schwartz &
The Sudan Mission Team*