

# The Gardner Family

Ambassadors of Christ to the Ugandan People



Dear Pastors and Friends,

## Prayer Requests at a Glance

- 1 - For Jedidiah, to accept Christ as his Savior at an early age
- 2 - For Savannah to have a safe pregnancy and delivery
- 3 - For all the new converts to come to church and to do their discipleship

There are many tribes scattered across the country of Uganda; the most impoverished and destitute of all these tribes is a people group in the northeast part of the country called the Karamojong. The Northeast of Uganda often has many droughts which results in famine and much crime. To our knowledge, no Baptist church has ever been planted in this area of the country. For the past 6 months, we have been planning with many national pastors to start a church in this area that so desperately needs the Gospel. God brought a Karamojong man to an independent Baptist church that we work with in a nearby city. The man got saved and felt the call of God to return to his people and give them the truth that he discovered in Christ. In March, 13 pastors traveled to Karamoja and preached for an entire week. All 8 of our church plants as well as the main church in Soroti donated food and clothes to help aid in the evangelistic campaign. 143 souls accepted Christ by the end of the week! Over half of them were baptized in a river right next to a military base. Please pray that every soul that was saved will come to discipleship and join the church that is being planted in Karamoja. What the Lord has accomplished is truly marvelous in our eyes!

We have had 7 people saved at our main church in Soroti. I would like to tell you one of their stories. A man named Charles works in our orphanage as a chef. I visited his house and found out that he was an unsaved Catholic. I shared the gospel with him, but you could see in his face that the idea of salvation without works was very strange to him. Over the next 5 weeks, I met with him several times to answer more questions and give him more Scriptures. He met with me after studying all the verses I gave him and said, "Pastor Matthew, the Bible says you can only go to Heaven through faith in Jesus. I want to do that!" That night, he bowed his head and accepted Christ.

Thank you for all your prayers and support these past few months! We consider it an honor to represent you here in Uganda. We just found out that Savannah is pregnant with our second child! Because of her last pregnancy complications, we have decided to have the baby in America. Since we will already be back, we want to report to churches from the end of January 2025 up to the beginning of July. We won't have time to go to all of our supporting churches across America so we would like to visit as many churches as we can that are east of the Mississippi River this furlough; then for our next furlough, we will start with all of our churches that are west of the Mississippi River. **If you are interested in us reporting to your church, please email me at: [gardners2uganda@gmail.com](mailto:gardners2uganda@gmail.com)** We are looking for a few more churches to take us on so we can provide for this new child that God has blessed us with. If you are reading this and don't yet support us, we would love to come candidate at your church! Please reach out to us on the aforementioned email.

For the furtherance of the Gospel,  
Matthew, Savannah, and Jedidiah Gardner



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## Photo of the Month



THIS IS THE BAPTISM SERVICE IN KARAMOJA. SOLDIERS FROM THE BASE WATCHED AS THE CONVERTS WERE BAPTIZED.