

# Blind Faith Ministries

*"For we walk by faith, not by sight." 2 Cor. 5: 7*

## The Porterfields to South Sudan Prayer Letter Sept/Oct 2017 Update

Thank you so much for your prayers for my trip to Uganda. If I could use only one word to sum up this trip, it would be **PRODUCTIVE**. I was happy to see, upon my arrival, that the work has moved forward, even more than I realized. These men are doing a great work, especially considering they are working out of makeshift tents! While I was there, I was able to travel into the South Sudanese refugee camps. I preached the gospel to people who have nothing and distributed food to some of them. In the few days we were in the camps, we had over thirty professions of faith! What a blessing that was to us!!

While there, we planned a fellowship to encourage about thirty of our national pastors. Pastor James and Pastor George led the fellowship meeting, and spoke on the subjects of marriage, faithfulness, work, and the ministry. I also was able to deliver some much needed study materials to our national pastors and church planters, which will be very useful in continuing to train for the work of the Lord. They received computers, thumb drives, books, and volumes of electronic libraries (a big thank you to one of our supporting pastors in Tennessee for making this possible!). On this trip, we also were able to get our NGO paperwork in hand, and prayerfully, we shouldn't have to worry about this any more for at least 5 years.

I also had the privilege of visiting with some other missionaries on the field, such as the Holloway family (with Prayer Baptist Missions), Pastor James Pridgen and his wife Cheryl (with BIMI), Bro. Dwyer and his wife (with BIMI), and local pastors Amos and Bosco. They are doing great things for the Lord and I'm thankful that I got to spend time with them.

My main goal in the next 12-18 months is start a discipleship school in Uganda where our national pastors are trained specifically to disciple others. I plan to structure it like a school, with levels like Beginner, Elementary 1, Elementary 2, Intermediate 1, Intermediate 2, Senior 1, and Senior 2, as this is a structure the people there are familiar with. I would also like to start an advanced pastoral training course, as well as some additional ministries for our single men.

There are several projects we are working on. One project we want to see completed is to put an addition onto our first building, which is the church where James Taban is pastoring, that can be used for storage, an office, and a school for discipleship/advanced pastor training. We are estimating this to cost around \$1000. A second building project is for the church where Isaac Tani is pastoring, in northern Uganda. They need a much larger facility, praise the Lord! The estimated cost on this building is around \$5000. A third project we are seeking to raise money for is an interlocking block making machine. We would like to start with one, but eventually get four of them. They are \$1500 a piece. This machine could significantly help with building projects in the future! A fourth project we are working on is paying for land and refugee camp churches. We have five locations that we have the opportunity to purchase so that we could build churches. Each of the locations would cost between \$3000-\$5000 to buy and then about \$3000-\$5000 to build a building on the land after it is paid for. We know these are big needs, but we have a big God who is able to meet each of them! Please pray about how God would want you to be involved!

Other prayer requests:

1. Pray specifically for the Lord to put an engineer to partner with our ministry that would be able to help us get things done.
2. Pray for us to find a way to get more printing done so we can get material in the hands of our believers there, in addition to our pastors.
3. Pray for people to continue to be saved, baptized, disciplined and trained.
4. Pray for James and George specifically as they are trying to accomplish some personal projects that will allow them to help further the work of the Lord and take care of their families.
5. Pray for our family's health. Right before my trip, Jessica was hospitalized for a few days with a back injury. Then upon arriving in Uganda, I was in bed for several days due to a back injury.
6. Pray for our daughter Beth to be saved the first time she clearly understands the gospel.
7. Pray for the Lord to use our lives and give me wisdom and discernment on how to handle all the responsibility of the ministry, traveling, taking care of family, and taking care of the God's work.
8. Pray for Carlos Ramos in Venezuela as they were robbed.
9. Pray for Yovany in Cuba as they were hit severely by Hurricane Irma.

We sincerely appreciate all of your prayers and financial support. We couldn't do our work without you!



### Answered Prayer!

- \*Safe and productive trip to Africa!
- \*NGO paperwork complete!
- \*Progress on paperwork for land!
- \*Souls saved!

### Prayer Requests

- \*Finances for many projects
- \*Souls to be saved
- \*Laborers in Africa (engineer)
- \*Our family's health
- \*Wisdom to further our ministry with discipleship school and advanced pastor training school
- \*Carlos Ramos-robbed
- \*Yovany-hit by hurricane

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