

**“I lift up my eyes to the hills, From where does my help come?
 My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.” (Psalm 121:1-2)**

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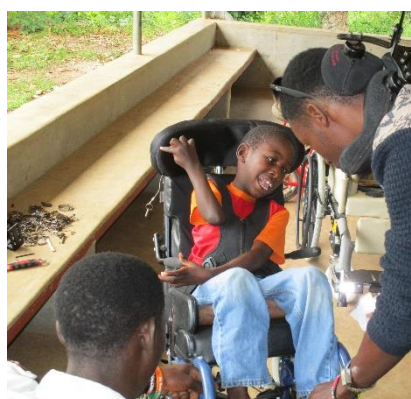
Dear Friends,

Thanks so much for your prayers and support over the last 7 months that I’ve been in Uganda. As I write this, I’m about to leave for the UK for the next couple of months. I’m leaving today (7th August) and my return flight to Uganda is on 2nd October. First I’ll share a bit about the last few weeks, and then some of my plans for the coming months.

Recently in TIJOC (Treasures in Jars of Clay), we have linked with another Christian organisation about 35km away, which is starting to work with children with disabilities in their community. At the end of July they hosted a Joni and Friends team, which provided wheelchairs for 8 of our children. Some of you will notice some problems with the chairs initially (in first picture)! Since returning, Uncle Norman, Uncle Ronald and I have been working on these to get them right for the children. *Praise God for his provision, and for this equipment which will make a difference to these children in class and in the community.*



Some of the new chairs



Sandra’s chair being fixed!



Wilber in his new chair

A few weeks ago I went to a conference for physiotherapists and other health professionals in Uganda. It was run by a team visiting from South Africa, and focussed on child development and different aspects of care of children with cerebral palsy. It was a good opportunity to learn things that will help in the work with Treasures, and also to meet other professionals here. One lady I spoke to was a speech therapist, a very rare commodity in Uganda! We have many children who would benefit from speech therapy for communication, and one boy who has difficulty swallowing, so I’m thankful to God for this link! *Pray particularly for Wilber, and that the team and his family will be able to get some helpful advice, and for improvement in his feeding and swallowing.*

I’ve continue to teach the children a Bible story each Monday morning. This is a fun time, often with plenty of noise, things to see and sometimes movement and action. We’ve worked through Moses and the Exodus, and yesterday we marched around the cardboard boxes of Jericho! The lesson ended with a very special time as the Treasures prayed for me before I left for the UK.



Later today I fly back to the UK! After writing out a rough itinerary last week, I discovered that I fly into Manchester not Birmingham airport this time! I'm sure there will be many more changes to my plans over the coming weeks!

For the last fortnight, three big boxes of 'sleep system' parts have been sitting in my sister's garage! After seeing the difference the sleep system has made to Hassan's care and comfort since Easter I'm excited to see what is in these boxes! It'll be like Christmas come early!! *Praise God for His provision already, and pray that He will open the right doors in the coming weeks as I look for other things to help the children.*

I'm looking forward to connecting with family and friends, and to getting some rest and refreshment. Next week I'll be attending the UFM Family Conference, where it will be good to meet friends and to make new connections with missionaries serving in different places too. Over the next 2 months, I have some appointments arranged with a Christian counsellor. I'm praying that this will help me to cope better with some of my fears and anxieties, and to be more resilient in some of the challenges of cross-cultural community living. *Please pray for God's help, comfort and counsel through His word and His people, and that my time at home will be well balanced and refreshing, both physically and spiritually.* I'd also appreciate prayer for good sleep, as this has been a bit of a struggle for the last week or two.

As I explained in my last update, this time I'm only going to speak in a few meetings. I'm sharing these dates, so that if I'm somewhere not far from you, maybe you can come along and hear more! There are two meetings in Carmarthen at different times and days, which I'm hoping will be an opportunity to update friends in other churches in West Wales, as well as my home church.

Tuesday 28 th August, 7pm	Carmarthen Evangelical Church 11 Parade Road, Carmarthen, SA31 1LY
Tuesday 11 th September, 10am	Carey Ladies@10 Carey Baptist Church, Reading, RG1 7JS
Wednesday 19 th September, 10am	Carmarthen Evangelical Church 11 Parade Road, Carmarthen, SA31 1LY
Thursday 27 th September, 10am	St Mellons Ladies Meeting, St Mellons Baptist Church, Cardiff, CF3 5US

I hope to see many of you over the summer, and to catch up with your news, as well as share more with you about life here! I realise though there are some friends that I won't get to see this time. I am thankful again for your faithfulness in praying for me, for the children, and that God will be glorified.

Every blessing,

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