



A refuge for orphans living with HIV/AIDS in Jinja, Uganda



Greetings to all,

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“At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, ‘Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?’ He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: ‘Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.’ – Matthew 18:1-5



Kids enjoying Lindsey's phone

Week one has been nothing short of busy, but we are loving it here! There's something about Uganda that makes us feel so much at home. We hit the ground running with so many tasks, meetings, and appointments to be done. With all of the busyness, even our sweet children are being used by God to remind us of valuable lessons along the way.

Mulikidi, 7, reminded us about loving our neighbor. One day the small boys wanted a “job” around the house. We gave them small tasks like taking out the garbage, washing a pair of shoes, etc. When they finished, we

decided to treat them to a cookie for all of their hard work. After handing out all of the cookies, Mulikidi asked if there was one more for his friend outside. I told him that we had already given all of our cookies away, but I told him he could share his cookie. Mulikidi excitedly asked, “I can give him my cookie?” He then ran outside and shared his entire cookie with his friend, not even taking a single bite for himself. If you know Mulikidi, you know he loves his sweets. For him to give up his cookie was truly an act of sacrifice for this 7-year-old. When he returned, I praised him for loving his neighbor so well, just as Jesus had instructed us to do.

Along with the busy schedule, it became more difficult for us



Housecleaning helpers!

to fully settle into our new home. We were a little behind on cleaning so the oldest girls volunteered to come over to help us out. We asked them to do a few standard, Saturday-morning chores around the house, but they kept *asking* to do more! They went so much more than above and beyond, cleaning everything literally from top to bottom in every room. We bribed them to take breaks by offering ice cream and sweets, but they did not want to stop until their work was done. We were in awe of their servant hearts. After they were finished, we spoke Philippians 2:3 over them and about how they were the perfect example of humility this day. Did I mention they never complained once?! We were so impressed, and fired up to be investing in their spiritual lives.



Shadia fighting malaria

Isn't it like God to use children to humble us? We teach our children to never let anyone look down on them because they are young and to be a Godly examples (1 Timothy 4:12). Today we are praising the Lord for the teaching they have had over the years, and we are thanking Him in advance what He will continue to do in their lives.. We are blessed to see God's hand at Our Own Home.

With love, Ross & Lindsey

Prayer requests:

- For good health for all of the children, especially those who have been sick recently
- For wisdom, strength, encouragement, and blessings for Lindsey and Ross
- For a new little girl to have an easy transition from her former baby home to OOH
- For a full-time job for William and funding for a ticket to visit OOH for a few weeks



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