



# ECF Missions Newsletter

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*“With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.”*

*- Matthew 19:26*

## February 21st - March 6th Uganda Mission Trip

*by Kate Skudstad*

Debbie Hammer, Glen Litwiller, and Kate Skudstad recently traveled to Zana - Kampala, Uganda. This is an update on their experience.

God is using the Folkestad family in many ways. Michelle ministers in home schooling her children, teaching a weekly women's Bible study, Sunday school and a widow's outreach. Jason teaches the pastor's and men at their church, The Sign of the Dove - Uganda, as well as a church in the slums, Excel Christian. Their children, Faith, Maci and even five year old Noah busy themselves with their school work, talking with the neighborhood children about Christ and joining their parents at Ida's orphanage once or twice a week, where they sing songs, play games and perform Bible stories.



We were blessed to come alongside them in their various ministries as well as go into a couple of the schools where we were delighted to be able to sing and speak openly about Christ. We thank God that we could be the hands of Edgewater, giving Bibles to every child at "Sign of the Dove," helping a young, widowed, single-mom improve her small food stand, bless neighborhood and church youngsters with a trip to a fun center that included giant bounce slides and toys and a swimming pool. One of the Folkestad's neighbor children, a



Muslim boy, Sadat, had never traveled more than a mile away from his home, so this was a wonderful adventure for him. Sadat and another neighbor boy were found the evening before we left sitting on the Folkestad's porch reading his Bible; he has to keep it at their house as he said

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## Uganda Mission Trip Continued...

his father would beat him if he brought it home.

In addition, we took a 48 mile, 5 hour harrowing car trip to Jinja and the Nile; and rode on a boda boda (motorcycle) - only a short distance, but “saw our life pass before our eyes.” We were also given a guided walking tour of the neighborhood, ministered to the body at the Excel Christian church, hiked to the top of the mountain behind the Folkestad’s to view the entire city of Zana and meet the pastor and family that live up there.

Please continue to pray for the Folkestad family as Jason continues to lead his family in the vision the Lord has for their future ministry in Uganda. One specific area that is on their heart is for the children in Uganda to have a place to just be children. The common toys we have in the US (balls, games, dolls, etc.) are non-existent in Uganda. The children do a great job of “finding” things and making them toys. Should the Lord open the doors, Jason and Michelle would love a place to allow kids to join together and experience a Jesus-filled joyful time of celebrating life. Many of the men in Uganda do not work and do not attempt to help their family survive and thrive. Pray for the Lord to open doors for ways to exhort and encourage the men to put their hand to the plow and take responsibility for their families. Please also pray for continued protection for the Folkestads against sickness, malaria, and even the common malady of headaches.



## The Harvest is Plentiful

by Crystal Allemand

*“Hello.”*

*“Hi Jason, it’s me.”*

*“Hi Lord, what’s on your heart today?”*

*“You know that I created you to come alongside those who are in times of extreme crisis.”*

*“Yes Lord, we have discussed this before.”*

*“This is what you were born to do. I have prepared you well along the way. Now is the time... will you go?”*

*[Silence... more silence]*

*“I know it sounds overwhelming, but you have everything you need to walk it out, you have my son, you have my spirit, you have me. All I’m asking you to do is trust me; say yes; and keep moving forward. I will give you my eyes to see how I see; I will give you my strength where you are weak. It is time, will you go?”*

*[Gulp] “Yes Lord. I will go.”*



## The Harvest is Plentiful Continued...

Thus a vision was birthed. For a few years we have known God was leading Jason Allemand in the direction of emergency response to people in crisis, but we had no idea what that looked like or where to begin. Then God revealed to us the ministry of Crisis Response International (CRI). Their vision is to equip people to walk out the plan of God for their lives as crisis response missionaries. Here is where God longs to demonstrate His love and restore hope to a broken people. This current generation is seeing some of the greatest challenges the earth has ever seen. We can no longer ignore the harvest God is longing to be reaped in the midst of these crises. He loves to turn for good what the enemy intends for destruction.

Please pray for Jason as he prepares to attend an upcoming 5-week discipleship training in Kona, Hawaii (I know, I know... it's a sacrifice to be called to 5-weeks in Hawaii). There he will be trained to meet the spiritual, emotional and physical challenges that arise in crisis and disaster worldwide. Upon completion of this training Jason will become an official "CRI trained responder" and be eligible for crisis and disaster deployments around the world. He will also then be equipped to train a team here in Southern Oregon to also answer the call to this mission field. Pray for divine connections while there as well as complete impartation of ALL that God desires everyone attending to receive. Pray that they will be so engaged in kingdom things that Jesus' abiding peace would overshadow any anxiety over being absent from their families for so long, and for their family as well. Pray that the city of Kona be turned upside down (or rather right side up) by the love of God during their time there. Thank you for partnering with us in prayer for this amazing adventure that we are about to embark on.

In His Love -

The Allemand's (Jason, Crystal, Nick, Nate, Israel, and Ben)

## Middle School 5 Rock Ranch Mission Trip

*by Kelley Skudstad, ECF Middle School Pastor*

Have you ever done something that you had no idea what to expect or what you were getting yourself into? Well, this was one of those times for me. I had heard of 5 Rock from various people, I had seen it in pictures, but I had never been there or experienced it for myself. Now, having been there I can officially say that this is a truly special and awesome place. I had the opportunity along with 19 Middle Schooler's, 5 young adult helpers, my wife and my son to go and help serve at this set-apart ranch! Our main purpose was to go and help in whatever way we could.



While we were there we helped clear out a spot of land they plan to fix up to become a wedding venue which will help generate income. You may not know this about 5 Rock but all that they have and all that they do is done solely through donations. So the extra income is a big help. We also cleaned a majority of their main lodge doing things such as vacuuming the furniture, sweeping, and

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mopping. The food was amazing during our stay, but with lots of food comes lots of dishes. I am pretty sure the kids did enough dishes to clear them of dish duty at home for a year!!

All together I am so thrilled that we went on this trip and kids came with a servant's attitude. I don't know who was more blessed, us or them! It is always amazing to see what happens when you step out of your normal life and see the reality of hurting people and places in need of love and care. 5 Rock is definitely a place you should think about, pray about, support and go visit. I know that it will always be a place I feel connected to and want to some day return!



## Medical Ministry in Haiti

*with Dave, Katherine, and Andrew*

Dave and Katherine Abdun-nur recently returned with their grandson, Andrew, from a trip to Haiti where they lent their expertise in a hospital located in Bonne Finn and surrounding areas. We were unable to put together all the details for this issue, so please pick up next month's to find out more about their experiences.

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