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Peak Season

Hello friends and family,

Welcome to the busy season for our [Farming God's Way](#) work here in Uganda. We have three major events planned during the summer and this keeps me very busy during this season. We try to plan our training calendar around a few major events and most of them happen in the current dry season.

We always have our kiosk at the National Agriculture Show here in Jinja. This was another amazing year with thousands of people visiting the kiosk. We also had a beautiful garden with beans and maize. In fact so many people came to our kiosk asking about our maize and wanting to know what seed it was; we always pointed them back to the method and to being faithful with what God has given us.



Delegates putting ash into planting stations at the National Training

Two weeks after the show we had our 8th Annual Farming God's Way Uganda National Workshop in Kampala. This workshop serves to bring people from all over Uganda together to learn how to use this powerful resources on their farm, in their community or in their church or NGO. We again had over 100 people attend from all over Uganda and even Congo and Kenya! We look forward to see the fruit from this seed as it grows under the care of the faithful Africans all over this great continent. Pray for the delegates to be good stewards with God has put in their hand.

Two weeks after the National Workshop we hosted our first regional Luganda Training at [Amazima Farm](#) where I was able to come alongside Andrew and Samuel, the farm trainers, to teach people from Central Uganda in their local language, Luganda. Andrew and Samuel are great trainers and very creative. We had lots of funny skits and a great time doing practical lessons together! We had well over 50 people who participated. It think I would say our first Regional Luganda training went really well, thanks mostly to the hard work of the Amazima staff!

Family News

Many of you may have heard that during the time of the show Jane became severely ill with very bad muscle spasms causing even her breathing to become very laboured. It was quite a traumatic time with her being in some of the most pain I've ever seen her in. She barely remembers Tuesday July 12th, the day we took her in to the Hospital. She was put on IV antibiotics and released the next day after improvement but remained on drip for the next few days. She is just fully recovering now. Many of you know that Jane has struggled with her health much of her life. Please keep her in your prayers – especially that she would not become discouraged. During this time most of the kids as well as myself, also became quite ill; we think it was a bad flu virus which was moving through Jinja. It felt like I had malaria but without the intense fever and headache. The children have had bad colds and Alin is on round two of a bad cold. Sickness really takes it out of you –mentally and physically! Thanks to all who prayed for us during this time. I think, through your prayers and God's healing hand we are coming out the other side!



Kenny with friends on the waterfall hike

The children are enjoying their summer break with a more relaxed schedule and a few special activities. Kenny and Albert were able to go to Camp Joy, a Missionary Kid's camp at [Musana Camps](#). One of the things the kids miss most about Canada is summer camp – they had such a great time and were comparing it to their time at Camp Squeah – it must have been awesome! There was time in Lake Victoria, hiking to nearby waterfalls, crazy games and great times being challenged by God's Word. Albert even won the talent contest unanimously with his singing. I think it's definitely an event the kids will look forward to in the future!

Success Story; Kagando Hospital, Kasese

We have shared Farming God's Way with thousands of people now in both formal and informal settings yet it is discouraging at times that so few people take up such a powerful tool. On the other hand it is of great delight when we see people take up Farming God's Way wholeheartedly and start to reap benefits from this change of heart and mind so quickly!

One case is the [Kagando Hospital](#) Rural Development Center where their Program Coordinator Uzziah and his team have wholeheartedly adopted Farming God's Way and have seen major changes in their communities already. They were first trained last December and have already trained scores of farmers and school students. I'm sure if I had 10 more Uzziah's by God's grace we would turn this country around. Please pray for Uzziah and his team to keep up the good work and please pray that more "Uzziah's" will rise up to serve this amazing country.



Onion field under Kagando Hospital's care

Financial needs

We have found the car we are looking for and it is within our budgeted cost of \$20,000CAD. The vehicle pictured here is a 2002 Toyota Land Cruiser/ 75 series / Long body 10 passenger. We have about \$4000 already donated from Bountiful Grains trust in South Africa. This car is in great condition having been a UN vehicle previously.



- Finances for a newer vehicle; our current vehicle is becoming old (22 years), small for us (it seats 7 - we need 10 seats now) and beat up from all the years of banging around the Ugandan roads. Cost:\$20,000 (there is about 75% import tax on used vehicles here which obviously makes them very expensive))
- Finances for a small plot of land (2 acres) to act as a nearby training site for training local farmers and a money making venture to have some sustainable income here. Cost:\$10,000
- Finances for our flights home for home assignment next year.
- **To contribute to the Sperling's needs please see the addresses and links at the end of the letter*

Prayer requests and praises!

Please continue to pray with us in the following areas:

- Pray for **effectiveness** in our ministry; that many will come to know Christ and become His disciple in a manner that glorifies God and His Kingdom.
- Pray for our **safety and health** with our crazy roads and the many tropical diseases around.
- Pray that **God will give us heart's willing to give sacrificially** to those He calls us to.
- Pray for **Andrew** to make the right choices right now so that he will walk in God's ways and not the ways of the world which he finds so attractive.
- **Pray** for a teacher to join us soon to take the kids through the next year of Distance Learning
- **Pray** for provision for the work God has called us to.
- **Praise** for the slow but steady adoption of Farming God's Way around Kamuli and Wante and many other parts of Uganda
- **Praise** for healing! We are all doing much better lately after our bouts of sickness.
- Thanks for all your prayers! They are essential to our life here! Send us your email if you would like more regularly updates.

Love, from Chris and Jane, Andrew, Tugume, Kenny, Albert, Isaiah, Ezra, Anna and Alin

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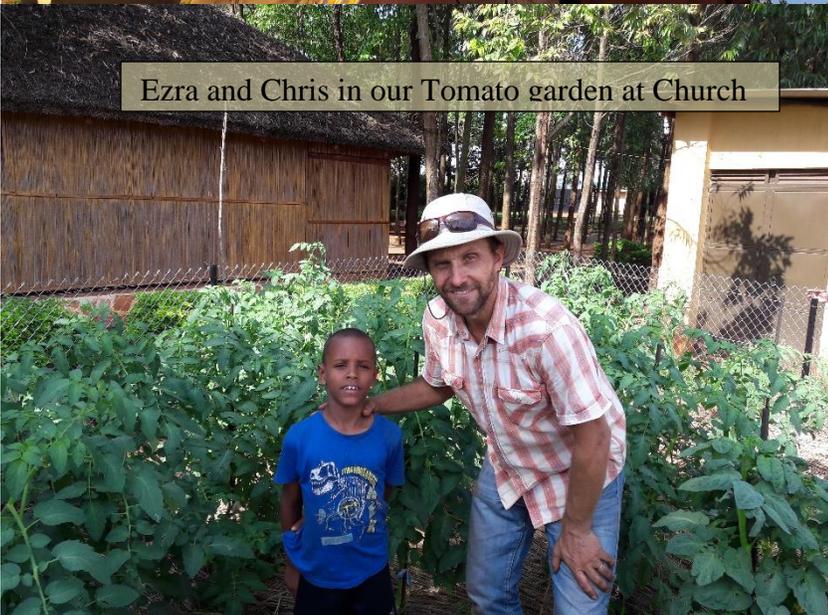
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The Farming God's Way Stewardship Team
Grant, myself, Dickson, Carl and Wilhelm



Ezra and Chris in our Tomato garden at Church



Jane on a date at Entebbe Zoo



Sunrise in Kidepo National park where we did some training in April

