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“...carrying Living Water in practical ways...”

Back to our “other” home...

After what seemed like endless amounts of packing and organizing the Sperling clan made it onto British Airways flight 062 from Entebbe to London. We had a great flight to London and even a free tour thanks to getting on the wrong bus to get to our hotel! The kids were excited about western novelties like nice bathrooms, running hot water (ours runs too in Uganda – from a kettle!) and just the general cleanliness and organization that is seen everywhere. Even after all these years, and all the times of travelling back and forth, I (Chris) still feel like it is a change of “worlds”, not just countries, when we travel back to Canada.



We were greeted by my parents and Uncle Ernie and Aunt Violet and our friend Chelsea at the Vancouver airport when we finally arrived after about 30 hours of travelling! It was so exciting for the kids to see their grandparents again! We arrived to a fully furnished and stocked house here in Abbotsford – thanks to our wonderful church and community that we live in! We felt overwhelmingly blessed and cared for! It is so amazing to see the body of Christ alive and well and functioning!

The Grand Tour

The months before our departure were full of activity. One of the most significant events was the tour of the Farming God's Way (FGW) sites around much of Uganda with our chief mentor and a great friend of mine, Grant Dryden, who is from South Africa. Grant is the author of the FGW material and the host of the amazing FGW DVD series which includes over 7 ½ hours of training and. Together, Grant and I wanted to check on the status of implementation of FGW in Uganda and we also wanted to encourage our regional trainers and teachers. We had an exciting time visiting institutions like Amigos Worldwide, Double Portion Farm (CLD farm) and Amazima Ministries Farm. We were excited to find that the level and quality of implementation at many of the training centres was very high. Our encouragement to many people was that FGW isn't just a bunch of nice gardens at training facilities but it needs to be rolled out into the rural areas as an effective tool to release the poor into the abundant life that Christ has for all of us. All were eager to hear our words of guidance and shared their heart to continue discipling the various groups of people that they minister to.



Grant shares the heart of Farming God's Way with local farmers



Grant and Chris at Kira Farm (Amigos Worldwide)

Over the next year Chris will be teaching and training about Farming God's Way in a number of contexts. Chris will be training a week long course in November at Equip International's beautiful Providence Farm training site in Marion, North Carolina.

Farming God's Way in North America

Chris also plans to share as a speaker at the 2014 Missionsfest event in Vancouver in January. The interest in FGW has grown exponentially over the past years and we are happy to be able to share with many people this wonderful tool!

If you would like to hear more about our work we'd love to share with you. We plan on touring Western Canada in the spring before we set off for Uganda again next July. If you live in the BC interior anywhere else in North America we'd love to plan a visit to you in the new year. For those of you in the Fraser Valley and greater Vancouver area we would be happy to share with you at your convenience over the next few months.

Praises and Requests!

We had asked you to pray for for an 8 passenger vehicle for us and the need has been met with a beautiful low milage van that was a great deal at Clearway Auto Sales here in Abbotsford! We also have a beautiful home that suits our needs very well! Thanks for your prayers and contributions to the many who helped with our needs as we have been settling. Here are some requests that we still have:

Financial/Physical Needs for the coming furlough year*:

- Continued salary (three months after returning to Canada now and re-starting three months prior to leaving in June 2014)
- Airfare for the family (returning tickets to Uganda next year)
- Return airfare from Vancouver to North Carolina for Chris to train at the main Equip base in November '13
- Continued funding of our work here in Uganda while we are in Canada. Our support has dropped off continually for the last few months so we still need more monthly supporters

**To contribute to the Sperling's needs please see the addresses and links at the bottom of this page*

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 **guidance and wisdom** as we seek education options for the boys during our yearlong furlough here.
- Pray that our **furlough needs** would be met.
- Pray for **Andrew** our oldest son who stayed behind in Uganda to finish his government exams in November. Pray that he will draw near to God during our separation from him and that he will work diligently as he prepares for his P7 exams.

We're really looking forward to seeing so many of now that we're back in Canada. Please let us know if you'd like to have us come and share about what we are doing here in Uganda.

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



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