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

## Alin's arrival



We're thrilled to introduce you all to our newest little girl born on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Alin (Ah – leen) Kilabo Evelyana Sperling was born by C section here in Abbotsford. She had a little trouble with her breathing at the beginning but we thank the Lord that He heard the prayers of His precious saints and she improved dramatically in the first few hours. Jane's recovery has been very slow however as her incision didn't close and it had to heal by "secondary intention" which meant the body had to build the scar tissue in the gap between where the skin didn't join. She is finally feeling better now although she has had some skin problems and headaches still up to this point.

Our Life Group and church were also amazing during this time helping with caring for the kids, picking them up from school and preparing meals. It means so much to be part of the body of Christ and to benefit from all

the love that God has put in the hearts of His saints.

My (Chris') parents came out for two weeks after Jane gave birth to help care for the kids and have some time with us. This was the first concentrated time we've had with them since they came in early 2012 to Uganda. They were a big help and we had lots of fun doing things all together. There is nothing like grandparents when it comes to taking care of kids!!



Grandpa with the boys on a rainy fall hike

## A transformation story

When the career missionaries in our church share about what they do they are asked to share transformation stories; testimonies about lives changed through the work that God has called them to. We had the chance to share the story of Joshua Kakande back in July. Joshua was one of my first students at CLD. He grew up in a broken home but had been drawn to the Farming God's Way course through strong connections with his church. Josh quickly caught on to the farming principles but more importantly he also began to see God's wisdom in the biblical keys that are part of the curriculum. Joshua was given a job at the training farm where he went to school and he grew under my guidance as he began to wholeheartedly apply the FGW principles. Josh has grown to be the Double Portion farm manager and is now also teaching the course at the farm institute in my absence. In September Josh made his first trip outside of Uganda to attend the FGW In-Field Mentoring event in Zambia. There he was accredited as a FGW trainer and is our first Ugandan national to be accredited. This is so exciting to see a Ugandan training Ugandans how to farm. I believe this will help to increase adaptation as people see their own countryman applying these life changing ideas. Please pray for this young "timothy" figure as he seeks to be an example to the farmers of Uganda. There are many difficulties in the path of national Christian leaders in Uganda.



Josh training in Zambia

## North American training

In November Chris will be travelling to North Carolina for the first North American FGW training at our Equip base, providence farm. We have a diverse group of students already signed up and some already eagerly communicating about the details of how FGW works. We'll have a detailed update on the training in our Christmas letter next month.

## Financial needs

- **Continued salary (we will go back on salary around April as we prepare to leave and start our preparations for the next term of work)**
- **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 for our work in Uganda. It would be nice to have a surplus to work with when we return to the field next summer**

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

## Prayer Needs

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. He recently broke his right arm so he needs prayer so that he can write his exam properly with his right hand. 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 you 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, Anna and Alin  
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