

BANMAN MISSION UPDATE
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UPDATE

GREETINGS FROM ANDREW AND TERRY

It's been an eye-opening few months here in Uganda. Terry and I continue to be transformed personally as we experience different cultures, make new friends, and walk with Jesus.

We enjoyed having Courtney and Miki with us for a month from the USA. These two young ladies have become like family and were kind enough to walk with Terry for the first month I was in Canada. It was also a great delight to have Bruce Friesen, Tom Saunders, and Mark Du Toit visit from our home town in Canada.

We continue to work in South Sudan, Kosovo Kampala, the Rakai district bordering Tanzania, and of course with good friends in the Mityana area.

Joshua and Grace continue to thrive, growing 1" taller and 1kg heavier each month. They have transitioned well from guests in our home to confident youngsters who feel at home. Both children are starting to speak English words well and are at the stage in early communication where words have become sentences that only their Mama can interpret. They seem healthy and happy.

Of greatest note this quarter, Terry and I have seen the need to relocate. With both excitement and regret, we will soon leave our lovely home in Mityana and move to Kampala city to engage more fully with people in a slum neighbourhood called Kosovo. Kosovo is one of four adjacent neighbourhoods which provide cheap urban housing for many. This is a great opportunity for Terry and I to make a significant difference in the lives of many.

We greet you all, and offer our thanks for your prayers and partnership !!

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people ... training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives ... IN THE PRESENT AGE

Titus 2:11-12

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THE MOVE

In April we were visited by Bruce Friesen, Tom Saunders, and Mark Du Toit from our home town in Canada. This team traveled more than 3200km across Uganda and South Sudan in 7 days. During this trip we met with almost all the people Terry and I work with. Many we have worked with for years and several new partners that Terry and I had connected with over the past year.

At the end of our journey, these pastors made some observations that took Terry and I by surprise. They declared that we needed to move from our rural home in Mityana into the city of Kampala. They felt while our work in Mityana was successful, that our primary mission partners were in South Sudan, Rakai and Kampala; and that living in Mityana was adding a lot of travel and even restricting the potential of the work with our primary partners.

At first Terry and I couldn't believe our ears. Move from our beautiful home in the country to live in a dirty third-world city was not a message

we had seen coming, but we rapidly realized this was an obvious change that we had somehow missed.

When we looked closely at our situation, we recognized that Mityana was the right place to land a year ago. We had settled into life there quickly but were now ready to take another step forward. The adventure we were on with Jesus did not end in Mityana.

Practically, each of the three primary partners we were working with required us to leave Mityana and travel an hour to the city. From there we would go north to South Sudan or south to Rakai. Living in Mityana added several hours to every journey we made.

More importantly, this pastoral team helped us identify that the work being done where we were engaged in Kosovo Kampala was truly transformational and well worth investing more of our time in.

This was just the nudge Terry and I needed. We are now preparing to move to Kosovo Kampala.



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WELCOME TO KOSOVO KAMPALA

Kosovo is one of four slum neighbourhoods located in the same area of Kampala Uganda. The other three have Luganda names that mean “A Place of Disadvantage”, “A Place of Hooligans” and “Death has Struck Another”.

A home to immigrants, refugees and Ugandans looking for an opportunity to make a living, Kosovo has a large population of low income people living in poor conditions.

Terry and I have been developing our relationship here with Deo and Fiona Mwanje for a number of years. Deo Ministries leads a church called “Word of Life” and operate a school called “Treasured Kids”. Deo Ministries also works with these communities to improve the lives of many. We have partnered with Deo and Fiona in several areas and have also been building relationships with people in their community. While life in this area is clearly difficult, we love what Deo Ministries is doing there and we love the people.

Life stories for people in Kosovo are diverse. A slum area is a difficult place to be raised and even more difficult to thrive in. We have met with single mothers in very difficult situations, but we have also seen youth successfully achieve their education and start a career. Finding the right opportunity is not simple for a slum dweller, but there are success stories. Terry and I are hopeful that we can find ways to provide opportunity for people and build lasting relationships in the process. It is also our hope to share our faith in Jesus as we go.

To meet Deo and several Kosovo residents whose lives were changed through this ministry just [Click Here](#)

The school (Treasured Kids) educates children from these slums but also from other communities nearby. Many of the children in the school are sponsored by people in the western world as paying for school is far beyond the means of many parents.

The church (Word of Life) is a truly community church. Leadership believe that the success of the church is directly linked to the success of their community. Word of Life engages their community through typical Sunday services. More importantly, they engage with daily life through play (football & fun events at church), through work (cleaning ditches to reduce Malaria issues) and by addressing social issues where they can (micro loans for instance).

Word of Life and it’s team have all embraced two core missions that Deo has defined in the following statements:

“We love God by loving people and we serve God by serving people.”

“We do what we can, with what we have, where we are”

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THE NEW BUILDING

The building we will be moving to has not been built yet. We are collaborating with Deo Ministries to establish a 3 story guest house. Today we call it the “Missions Guest House”. The guest house has several purposes that will extend Deo Ministries work in Kosovo.

Firstly, it will be a place where people serving in the area can stay. It will provide comfortable and affordable accommodations for westerners right inside the slum area. Deo and Fiona have a number of westerners they engage with who will use this facility as do Terry and I. We expect the guest house to increase the capacity for engagement in these communities.

Secondly, this new building will provide Terry and I with a comfortable and affordable residence. Living within walking distance of the church and school as well as inside the community will most effectively facilitate our work in the area.

Finally, the mission guest house will be

another step toward engaging people in the community as we will need to employ people to help us operate the business.

This building will reside on property owned by Deo Ministries and adjacent to Deo and Fiona Mwanje’s home. This lot is secured with a brick wall and gates and is ideally located.

The ground floor will provide common guest facilities such as a kitchen and dining area, a living room and bathroom facilities. The top floor will have four bedrooms with private bathrooms enabling us to host 8 guest with the comfort of a hotel. Larger teams could be accommodated as well via cots.

The middle floor will be our residence and Terry and I will take on the role of host and operate the guest house.

More detail about the building and guest house may be found [HERE](#):

Mission Guest House



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LIVING THE ADVENTURE

While still in Canada a number of years ago, Jesus began speaking to Terry and I and used the word “adventure” to describe where He was taking us. This word has become significant in our mission and we continue to see Jesus invite us deeper into the adventure.

We have often been asked by Jesus to take a leap of faith. He asks us to say “yes” and trust that He will provide all that is required. In each situation where our faith was exercised, it has been well rewarded. And as we said yes to this move, we were amazed to see just how completely Jesus looked after us. We wanted to share this with you folks to encourage us all to expect our faithful creator to provide!

As with any major change in life, this relocation has had a number of steps and needed a number of issues resolved in order to take place. The following list summarizes that journey for our move. Note very carefully the components Terry and I were responsible to handle and what Jesus himself looked after for us ...

Direction and Confirmation - Jesus provided us with a word from people strategically positioned in our lives. He then confirmed this word through the people we expected to work with.

Acceptance - Terry and I heard Jesus speaking and said YES to what he was proposing. It was our choice to obey or not. We could have looked at the obstacles and said no, but we exercised our faith.

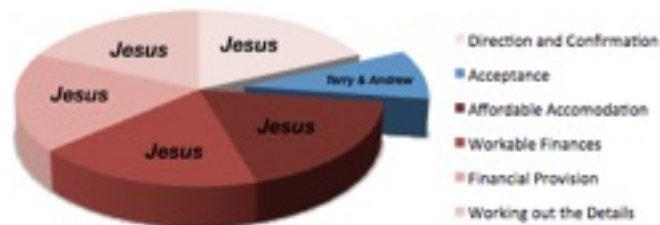
Affordable Accommodations - Jesus shared with us the best place to live. In fact, this place is far better and far cheaper than we would have expected.

Workable Financials - Jesus showed us how we would pay for the rather expensive building. This was a worry and at times almost a show stopper, but he lead us through it.

Financial Provision - Jesus even provided Andrew with work to pay for the change and accommodate the increase in living expenses.

Attention to Detail - Jesus attended to all the little details that would move the process forward. He even provided Terry with people to stay with her while I was away.

Viewed in a graph, it becomes really clear who did what. Jesus looked after all the details and our responsibility was to “hear” “follow” and “obey”.



Terry and I were fully responsible to accept this change and follow where Jesus lead. In each other area, Jesus was faithful to deliver the necessary solution. And not just the basics, He fully provided for all needs!

We are on a great adventure, nothing is hidden from Jesus !!

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