

BANMAN MISSION UPDATE
MITYANA UGANDA
THIRD QUARTER 2014

MISSION

UPDATE



GREETINGS FROM ANDREW AND TERRY

Terry and I have now been in Uganda for several months. The majority of this time has been invested in establishing a home base, but we are pleased to announce that the house is now painted, furnished and very comfortable.

Life here has not been limited to sorting out our living accommodations. During this time, we have also been able to:

- Acquire a vehicle and acclimatize to driving on the lefthand side of the road.
- Become familiar with driving both in the city (Kampala) and on rural dirt roads.
- Reconnect with LOJ and Arise partners and continue building solid relationships.
- Begin planning for a South Sudan trip in October as well as several trips closer to home.
- Identify several opportunities where we may be able to support and disciple people in our new community.

While still early days for our mission, we feel we are making methodical progress. With a comfortable place to call home, we hope now to improve our language skills and venture out regularly into our new community. With Jesus as our guide, we hope to have divine encounters and make a positive impact on those we meet.

Watch for our newly designed and updated web site (thebanmans.com) and the release of our first quarterly newsletter before September 1st.

So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.

Hebrews 10:35-36

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Ministry and Discipleship Opportunities

Terry and I have been reconnecting with partners of LOJ and Arise. We have begun to strengthen our relationship with Robert from King's Kid, Trishelle from 100% Hope, and Deo from Deo Ministries in Kampala. We are also planning our next trip into South Sudan for early October.

We have made our work with Cissy in Bukanaga a priority and begun discussions with her about ways we can further support ministry to her community. Cissy has been in Bukanaga for over a decade and has been somewhat isolated there. Terry and I hope to be a source of regular encouragement to Cissy.

Two new opportunities to sew into the lives of Ugandans have presented themselves. Each of these opportunity will of course require time to be fully understood and if appropriate developed. At this time, Terry and I are building relationships and watching for Jesus leading and blessing.

Local Pastors Group

Through a US couple who were in Mityana for 5 years as part of the Baptist Mission, we have been introduced to a small group of young pastors that lead small churches in the Mityana area.

These pastors were being mentored by Eric Pease on a regular basis and Eric invited me to connect with them and continue to help them grow. Busy at that time setting up our home, I had not pursued this opportunity until one day when Pastor Patrick and I met and he extended a personal invitation to join the group.

I have now begun attending this group and am hopeful that Jesus has plans to use me to disciple these men while they also disciple me.

These pastors seem to know the scriptures better than I, but I see in their comments and responses that interpretation and application will be where I may be able to make a real contribution.



Patrick

Lazarus

Anna

Moses

Lazarus

Lovejoy

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More Ministry and Discipleship Opportunities

Marriage Training in Lwemisege

Dan Douglas is a medical doctor and pastor in the town of Lwemisege along the Tanzania border. Terry and I were introduced to Dan by Eric and Krisann Pease who had worked along side him for a number of years.

While Dan practises medicine daily, he gave up the opportunity of a well paying business in Kampala to work in and Pastor a rural community.

Today, Dan leads a congregation to love Jesus with their lives in practical ways. Dan's congregation has regular work parties to help church and non-church families work their land. His congregation demonstrates the practical love of God to the community regularly.

One area that Dan feels unable to effectively minister in is marriage. As a single man, he has no practical experience to draw from yet he is aware of the need for marriage counselling and training for both his community and for local married pastors.

While Terry and I have no formal education or experience counselling and training married couples, we have a successful marriage of 33 years and are armed with many resources to help us prepare.

We hope this opportunity will bear fruit for Terry and I and for the community surrounding Lwemisege. Dan and I have planned an introduction to his work, and the community of Lwemisege for September 2nd thru 4th.

Please pray for Terry and I to find ways

to bless this community and foster excellent marriages. This is a ministry Terry and I feel is very important to this culture. We feel this is an issue we should engage with.

Our hope is that we can partner with a local couple and invest in their marriage. From that platform, perhaps we could team with this couple to offer counselling and training to the community.

Conclusion

We are pleased to see that as we simply walk the road here in Mityana, opportunities seem to arise naturally. In some cases, these opportunities will in be divine encounters. Others may simply be a distraction.

We suspect in fact, that opportunities will present themselves almost too frequently and we will need to have great discernment about where to invest.

We trust that Jesus will steer us through each situation as we stay connected with him though prayer and submission. Please pray for us to maintain and mature in both these areas.

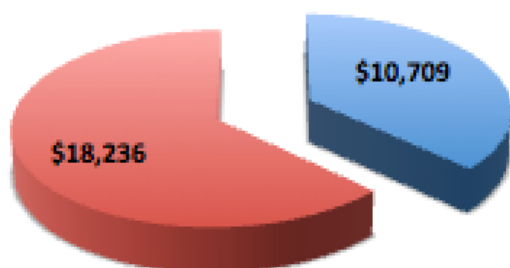
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Mission Start Up Costs

The costs involved with setting up our new home have been substantial. I don't think we understood how expensive starting again would be. The cost of appliances, furniture, and even paint add up quickly. Still, we felt that being comfortable here in our new home would be a key factor in our long-term success.

"It was good that I didn't total up the costs until recently. Not knowing the totals minimized the stress for me (until now)."



■ Total Household Costs
■ Total Vehicle Costs

A good vehicle was the most expensive startup item. Working with a good mechanic, we were advised that there were few vehicles that would stand up to the roads and travel we expected. The Nissan Patrol was one of two options.

It was explained to us that the vehicle we were looking at was a solid solution to build on. The seller was a westerner who had used the vehicle well, but also tried to keep it well maintained.

Some additional repairs were required in order to bring the vehicle into good repair, but the mechanic advised us that based on the purchase price this would be less expensive overall than purchasing a newly imported vehicle from Japan.

Our decision to purchase was made to ensure we could go where we needed to in safety. In addition, we realize that the resale value of this vehicle when that day comes, will be better than other options.

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Patrol
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Ongoing Living Expenses

Now that Terry and I are more settled and have experienced several months of living in Uganda, we have a more accurate picture of the ongoing costs involved.

We have setup a simple financial tracking application. All our expenses are recorded and the receipts (in most cases) scanned and saved. This tracking is helping us get a good grip on costs here and more importantly this is showing us where we need to economize in order to make the mission sustainable.

	Annual Renewal Date	Annual Expense	Monthly Expense (UGS)	Monthly Expense (US\$)	Monthly Expense (CA\$)
House rent	Aug 1	4,800,000	400,000	\$170.21	\$189.87
Security and Caretaker			265,000	\$112.77	\$125.79
Car Insurance	Jul 1	2,150,000	179,167	\$76.24	\$85.05
Bike Insurance	Sep 1	1,000,000	83,333	\$35.46	\$39.56
Car Maintenance			200,000	\$85.11	\$94.94
Internet			299,000	\$127.23	\$141.93
Electricity			30,000	\$12.77	\$14.24
Water			30,000	\$12.77	\$14.24
Food			600,000	\$255.32	\$284.81
Gas			300,000	\$127.66	\$142.40
Tythes			200,000	\$85.11	\$94.94
Phones			80,000	\$34.04	\$37.97
Propane			120,000	\$51.06	\$56.96
House Maintenance			50,000	\$21.28	\$23.73
Total Monthly Expenses (UG)			2,836,500	\$1,207.02	\$1,346.43
Avg UG to US Exchange Rate			2,350		
Total Monthly Expenses (US)			\$1,207.02		
Avg US to CA Exchange Rate			\$1.12		
Total Monthly Expenses (CA)			\$1,346.43		

Most of the serious expenses are related to housing and transportation locally and internationally. Expenses such as food, utilities, and even communications (internet and phone) are fairly manageable.

This budget omits any costs associated with missions outside our hometown of Mityana. Unfortunately we don't have adequate data at this time with which to forecast those costs long-term.

Annual flights to Canada for Terry and myself are also not factored into this budget. Will we be able to afford those trips?