



MISSIONREPORT

4TH QUARTER 2021



JOSHUA & GRACE IN CANADA

FINALLY CANADIAN

WILL WE SEE SNOW DAD?

After years of adoption formalities and then another year gaining Canadian citizenship, Joshua and Grace finally came to Canada as citizens just before Christmas 2021. And they experienced snow for the first time in their lives!

JOSHUA & GRACE IN CANADA

LIFE IS AN ADVENTURE

In November 2014, two malnourished children (Joshua & Grace) came to live at our home. We immediately engaged medical help and worked to improve their health and nutrition. As time went by, these two kids began to trust us and Terry and I learned to love them as our own children. Terry and I agreed to begin the process of adopting Joshua and Grace in 2017. Finally in December 2019, the kids became legally part of the Banman family.

The next step was for the kids to be granted Canadian citizenship. This is a phased process. In phase 1, I needed to prove to the Canadian government that I was a Canadian with the right to pass on citizenship to my adopted children. It took almost a year to get through phase 1, but in September 2021 I received notice that I was indeed a Canadian citizen and able to proceed to phase 2.

In phase 2, the children's adoption is scrutinized and the Canadian government decides if citizenship will be granted to the children. We expected this phase to take longer than it did for me to be validated as a Canadian. To our delight and surprise, the kids were both granted Canadian citizenship on October 2021.

Spurred on by the dream of a Christmas holiday with the entire family, Terry and I began scrambling to get Passports and permits to fly to Canada. The expense to fly four people halfway around the world was immense but parents and friends helped and all the finances required were provided. The Banman clan would be together for the holidays!





For the first time ever, Terry and I were able to come to Canada together with the kids. Terry and I had not been in North America together since 2014 and the kids had never before left Uganda. You can imagine how exciting it was for Joshua and Grace to board an airplane and fly halfway around the world to experience a different culture, different food, and different weather.

The kids are pretty resilient and enjoy new situations, but I was positive they would be frozen the minute they arrived in Canada. We armed them with boots and coats and hats, but to my surprise they were fine. In fact, we learned over the course of the next few weeks that they absolutely love playing in the snow and the beach or playground. Cold was no obstacle for our amazing adventurers!

YOU HAVE BEEN PART OF OUR FAMILY ADVENTURE

THANK YOU!

We want to thank all our friends and family who have encouraged us and given us good counsel. Thank you to all those who have helped us pay for lawyers and permits and courts and even flights. Thank you for your many prayers!

We are so blessed to have Joshua and Grace in our family. And what a blessing it was to see them in Canada with brother and sister and nieces and nephew and grandparents. Joshua and Grace are now fully Banman!

Because of our friends and family, we laugh a little harder, cry a little less, and smile a lot more!



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