



ALISHA STENSAAS - SHARON ARINAITWE IN UGANDA, EAST AFRICA

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Denied.....

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Prayer Requests

- Village training
- Sharon's mom - salvation
- Prevention for Sharon's migraines
- Sharon's visa approval

Well, this was not the news we were hoping to write in this prayer letter to you. Sharon's visa was denied again. Thank you for your prayers in spite of the outcome. We do not know why the Lord allowed it to be denied. He knows that we need it to come back on furlough. It has been said that every time you are denied, it goes in your file and the more times you are denied the harder it is to get approved. It has also been suggested to get an immigration attorney. They cannot help you get the visa (that is solely up to the visa officer at the moment of the interview) but they can help you know what to put in your

application, regarding your situation, to help the visa officer understand better and it may help your chances of approval. They also help you to know how to word your answers to the questions asked by the officer. But immigration attorneys are very costly. It would be wonderful to have an immigration attorney that is a Christian. We do not want to pay all this money and the attorney not even understand missionaries and furlough, etc.. We are praying for God's guidance to know what to do. The current wait time for another appointment is 274 days. So the sooner we submit for the

next appointment the better. But if we use an attorney, they have to help us before we submit so that they can help us with our information. Please by in prayer for this.

Though the stateside part of our ministry does not seem to be going well, the Ugandan side is. Benches have been earned and have gone out to most of our churches we are working with. Nine have gone to our Mbale group, seven to our Kaliro group, four to our Mbirizi group, two to our Jungle Camp group and one to our Lukaya group. These benches are very needed and the teachers are excited to have them for the children's churches.