



Alisha & Sharon's Journal

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Details, details...

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Some of you have asked about Sharon's visa appointment that was scheduled in August. Unfortunately, the U.S. has overcompensated in their response to the Ebola in Congo and closed the embassy here in Uganda to all visa appointments since May. Thankfully, Sharon's appointment was not cancelled just postponed until September 29th. We are still praying that her visa will be granted this time so that we can come back for furlough.

The training with all the different churches is continuing well. We are constantly on the road or



lake. All of the churches in the Soroti group were able to earn their portable chalkboards and chalk. We will be taking them to them in the next training. Also, most of the churches in the Kasese group earned their first bench for their children's church class. Those will be delivered to them in October when we



meet for the next training time.

We have made two more trips to Karita in the last few weeks. There is a lot more involved in beginning training with this group than normal. First, we are needing to buy some land near the church for us to build our own mud house that we can stay in each time we go up there. Right now, the Pastor and his wife graciously give up their house for us to stay in. So the sooner we can have our own would be better. Second, we need to build another medium size mud building to house some of the teachers during training and will also be used as the children's church each Sunday. Due to the serious lack of water in the area, we have discussed what to do about water as we will have a minimum of at least 50 people there during the training. That is a lot of water when you consider drinking, cooking, bathing,

etc... It seems the best and most practical option would be to pay a company to come and drill a borehole on the property. This water would be



cleaner than carrying it from the river every day (that in itself would be an impossibility to carry water for all those people from the river every day) and would be available all year long no matter if it is rainy or dry season. Water is such a precious resource, and providing it would be a tremendous gift to the community while also strengthening the testimony and impact of the church there. We are checking with different companies and the estimated cost will be around \$7,000. The Pokot are a fascinating yet heartbreaking people and we are continuing to learn more and more about their culture. Pray for us and pray for God's provision as we are trying to get all these things finished and in order before we can start the training up there.

Prayer Requests

- Teachers' training
- Sharon's mom - salvation
- Sharon's visa appointment for furlough - Sept 29
- Safety in traveling
- Karita training to begin