



In September 2008, the Davis's (or 'Davii' as we have come to refer to ourselves) are going to Uganda!

Life has been great for the two of us so far! The great coincidence is that the beginning of our life journey all began one year ago on a hill in Uganda where Sean asked for

Jamie's hand in marriage. With her answer being yes, and the sheer joy experienced by us both in that moment overlooking Mpigi, we knew that Uganda had a special place in our hearts. Now, nearly a year later, we are looking to go back and continue the work we took part in among the hills of Africa.

Last year, when we returned to Canada, we both knew that there was something special about what we had just done. Uganda and its people remained persistent in our individual thoughts, and so it came as a bit of a surprise when we admitted to each other, months later, that rarely a day went by without one of us thinking about the people of Africa. Even as we went to work, our thoughts would sneak back to friends overseas. And so one day, over a flurry of emails and extraordinary circumstances, we came to find that there was a need for a position developing with Pacific Academy Outreach Society in Kibaale, Uganda.

Of course, we were (and are!) thrilled at the opportunity. And just in case you've never heard of Kibaale (we hadn't either) it's a small village located 4 hours south of the capital city of Kampala. On the grounds there are schooling and facilities for over 700 students of all ages, from a nursery and schooling for babies, all the way up to vocational schooling for young adults. Kibaale Community Centre is also going to be seeing expansion as the current staff work to build a new training facility for pastors, teachers, and medical staff.



We're so thankful to be a part of all of this and give whatever help and support we can. We'll be entering the community under the role of Community Services Coordinator, and in that, working alongside the existing staff to make Kibaale and the surrounding area self-sufficient. We'll be working primarily with the Kibaale Children's Fund (KCF) and the Kibaale Community Services (KCS) departments. One area desperate for immediate attention is that of the local water supply, with all 18 water-pumps either broken or needing repair. We'll be working with the locals to get these up and working as quickly as possible, and then come alongside the local citizens to train and provide equipment to properly service these pumps themselves. We'll also be working with the KCF to ensure



that all of the over 750 kids' needs are being met – as the kids show needs, we'll be able to identify those and also work with their homes and families to provide full support. Even as the children grow and graduate from school, we'll be working to set up a program to provide support and sponsorship to children as they graduate from their S4 studies (senior year) so they can enter adulthood with ease. Among other things, we'll also be working to ensure sustainability through the continued

development of a micro-loan program, communicating with local NGOs, hiring and training people for vocational skills and self employment, lending support to existing services, and overall working with everything we have to improve the quality of life for the people we love so much.

We both jumped at the opportunity, and we are now working through the process to make this all a reality come September. God is doing amazing things in Uganda, and we're so excited to be able to take part in the work going on over there. We would love to have you involved as we take this step towards life in Africa, and having already visited Mpigi, there is no doubt left for either of us that our calling is to serve God with everything we have. We are required to raise our own support, and at this time we have signed on for a two-year commitment. In order to make that possible with travel and living in Uganda, we need to raise \$37,500 per year. If you would like to support us financially, we have included a card with this letter that can be mailed back to Pacific Academy. All donations are tax deductible.



Thanks so much for reading this little update. We hope that it gives you some idea of where we're going in life and what we'll be doing for the next two years. Of course, if you want to follow along on our journey, we'll have internet access the entire time, so feel free to email or check up on us at seanandjamie.blogspot.com. We'll keep you posted as we continue our preparations and let you know how progress goes!

Thanks again for prayerfully considering our request.

Sincerely,

Sean & Jamie Davis