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When first starting his woodworking hobby, my son Matthew made a tool cabinet. The five small drawers across the top he labeled “snowflake” drawers. He had intended to make them equal and thus interchangeable. But they ended up with each being slightly different, just as no two snowflakes are exactly the same. Actually, I thought he did a great job for his very first cabinet. We just had to be flexible and had to number the drawers, so that they would slide back into the right space.

Our medical team trips have a bit of a “snowflake” quality. Our trips tend to be a little (or much) different each time and we just practice being *flexible*. We have our usual approach of operating the evangelistic clinics out of the local churches, but **Uganda** was a bit different.

Our missionary partner, Denny, had constructed a pavilion area where he does children’s ministries. Instead of going to the (very) small churches each of the five days, we had the church, with the folks they invited, come to us on “their day.”

Overall, we saw 426 patients, with 38 professions of faith. When you consider that about 100 were children and over 200 were already believers, so the 38 were out of 100 unbelievers who attended the medical evangelistic campaign. That is a wonderful response to the Gospel! And as usual we had some terrific national partners. Pastors Daniel and Patrick diligently oriented and oversaw the new volunteers (from each of the 5 churches) who showed up each day. Meeting such new friends, who want to serve others, showing compassion, giving out the Gospel, is a huge blessing.

We also saw another 90 patients who came just for glasses. Glasses have become an important part of the compassion ministry. We have been giving out reading glasses for years, but now have found a very workable system for giving out “distance glasses.”

It has been a busy year starting off with a team trip to Liberia, then surveying in Puerto Rico, followed by team trips to Chile, Zambia, and Uganda. Besides multiple church meetings and conferences here in the USA, I have one more trip in the fall to **India**. This will be a new area for us in the southeast part of that country. So, it will be a combination of ministry and survey. Our ministry partners have started a Bible school and are seeking to start a clinic and eventually a hospital. I can use some help on the India trip. Are any of you interested? Please contact me. Dates are October 21-30.

Our pictures often show crowds of people waiting to see us. You might wonder why, when all the **medicines** (except narcotics) *are available over the counter*, and when reading **glasses** can be found with a little searching. The most common reason is cost. When we treat a whole family for their various illnesses, including glasses for the children struggling in school, they do not make enough money in a month to pay for the medications and glasses they need. Moreover, the reading and (now) distance glasses are simply beyond what they can ever afford.

As you would expect, medicines and glasses are one of our highest single costs of these trips after airfare (which each person raises). If you would like to contribute to the medicines and glasses, you can do so by pasting the following link into your web browser: <https://www.abwe.org/work/projects/ihm-short-term-trip-medicine-and-glasses-js> OR click the same web address at the end of this letter. ***All the money received goes to the purchase and shipping of the medicines and glasses.***

Our family is doing well. Our oldest granddaughter Katrina has started college. Moreover, she was able to join me on the Uganda trip. What a blessing! Lauren and Maia are busy with school and volleyball. Our two grandsons, Nathan and Connor, are active in soccer and school. None of them missed any school during the Covid pandemic as they were being home-schooled. All are faithful in church. Our son Matthew is doing well with his job at Home Depot. We are humbly grateful for God's grace. Sandy needs prayer, particularly for her health problems of asthma, allergies, and arthritis.

My book, ***Feet and Toes***, has been an encouragement to many people. It is available at both Amazon and Barnes & Noble. The book gives an overview of the scope of our Christian walk, emphasizing the clear Biblical principles instead of peoples' popular ideas. I have a suggestion for those reading it. If you have a particular question about some endnote, then look it up. Otherwise, read through each chapter and *then just read through the endnotes themselves*. Since the endnotes are mostly around a central theme, you will find them a particular blessing.

Thank you all, as always, for your prayers and support. Please pray also as I continue to transition in my role with the teams. We have a number of new leaders coming on board. Our goal for the coming years is that all the new folks officially lead the teams, while I am along to help. That is the course we need to take, looking toward my *eventual* retirement....someday....off in the future.... When the Lord makes it clear.

Because He Lives!

Jack and Sandy Sorg



The pavilion we used each day in Uganda. Many arrived by 5 a.m. to be seen when the clinic started at 9.



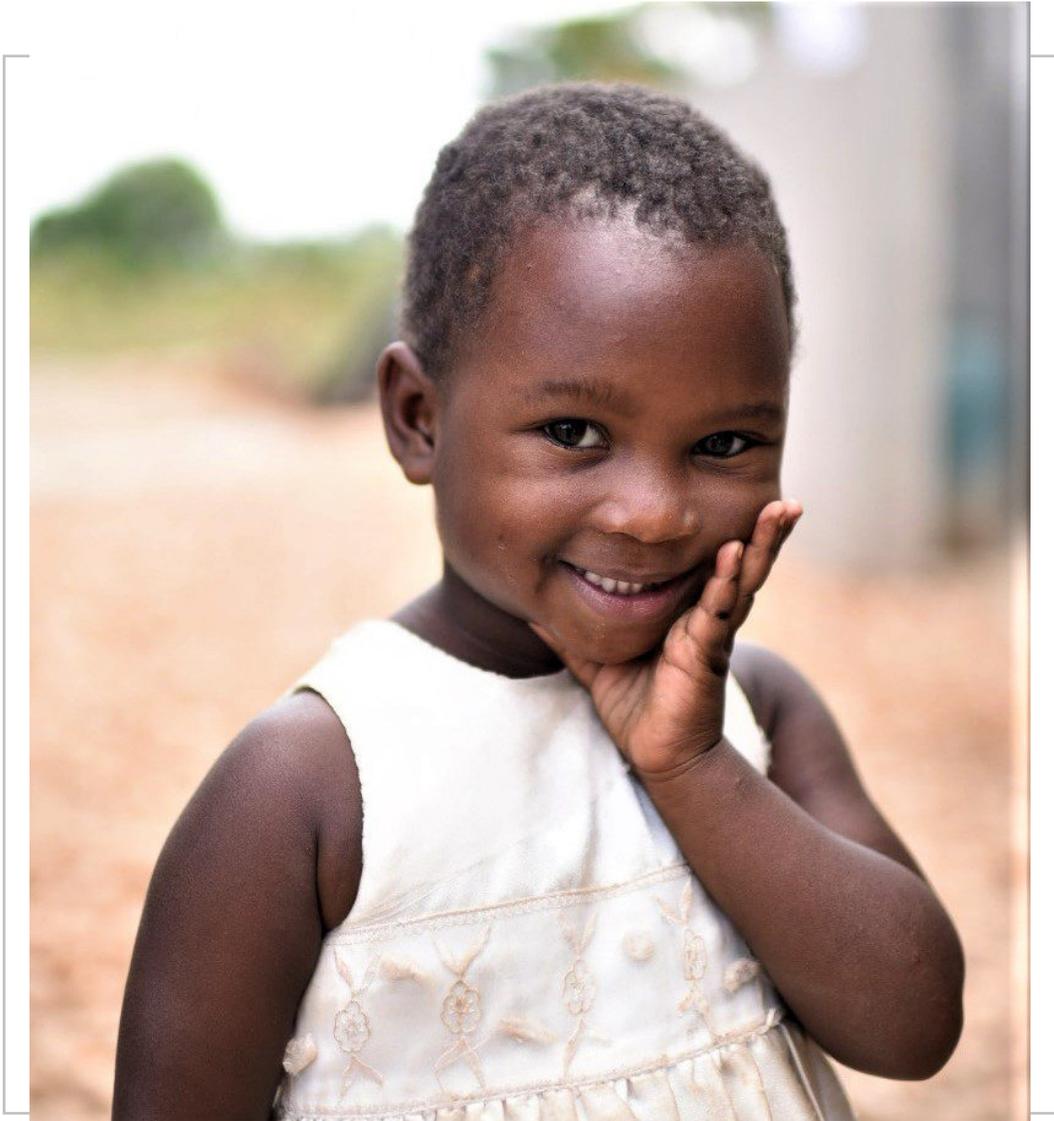
Many came dressed in their finest clothes to see the doctor.



The glasses ministry fills a huge need.



We spent part of our last day visiting a bird sanctuary. This is a Shoebill Stork, about four feet tall, looking like some prehistoric animal.



Too cute to leave out.

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