

TIDINGS FROM Tanzania

JULY 2011

Please Pray for Uganda Conference!

While friends in America are celebrating Independence Day, we will be on a plane heading to Uganda. We want to ask you to **please pray** for our family as we leave on Monday, July 4 to go to rural northern Uganda to



conduct a Bible conference. We have been requested to lead this conference by leadership of a group of churches just **15 km from Sudan**. In addition to the four day conference, we will also be having important meetings with the leadership of the new church movement to set a course for the future. Two other ReachGlobal missionaries will be joining us for at least parts of the conference, but the primary responsibility falls to our family to guide the time. **Holly** will be working with a newly formed nursery school as well as leading the kids program. **Our kids** will be sharing their testimonies, and trying to connect with Ugandan children. **Eric** will be teaching through the Bible, and also covering spiritual growth lessons. It is entirely possible

that many attending will not be saved, so there will be an evangelistic focus as well. In addition, we will be doing door to door evangelism and praying for people in a nearby refugee camp.

Please pray for the following areas:

1. Pray that **God will be glorified** and He will be worshipped through our efforts. **Spiritual warfare** is fierce in this part of Africa due to the long history of tribal animism and violent bloodshed over the past decades. Pray that God will protect us from the enemy who will try to thwart our efforts.
2. Pray that **souls will be saved**, those who are **struggling will be encouraged**, and people will be **strengthened in their faith**. This is the first conference for this new movement, so there is much excitement. We will be preaching the Gospel at the same time as nearby neighbor **Southern Sudan secedes** from Northern Sudan (July 9), becoming the **world's newest nation**. This split between north and south has been and still is bloody and violent, and oppression from the north is intense. While we believe we will be safe, we ask for prayers for the tens of thousands whose **lives are in chaos**. Many of the people we will be ministering to are from this area.
3. Pray that **our family**, particularly Holly and the kids, will **travel well** (it takes two days to get there and two days to return, including long bus rides and many connections). Pray that they will be comfortable and productive despite the "bush" setting, and that **God will use this experience** to bless our family and grow our kids stronger in their relationship with Christ.
4. Pray for the **meetings we will have with movement leadership**. To guide this group of churches to health and growth, some adjustments need to be made in some patterns that have developed and we must challenge them in some paradigm shifts. Pray for grace, love & clear communication.



Thank you very much for your prayers and support!

The Belz Family
Eric, Holly, Adam, Andrew, Alyssa



"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints." Eph.6:18