

YOUganda Update



Thanks to St. Luke's!

St. Luke's Global Methodist Church, where we have served since 2016, used their VBS offering to help support our upcoming mission to Mbale, Uganda. Caryl will be teaching kindergarten and 1st grade, and Bear will be teaching grades 4 and 5. The VBS kids were trying to wrap their heads around where Uganda is and exactly what they were supporting. One told his parents that there was a lady named Caryl from the church who ran into a bear in Africa and she needed some help. Another said, "Barrett and his husband, Carolyn, are moving to African" and they need gas money because it's a long drive.



Slime Time

Bear was asked if he'd be willing to be slimed on the last day of VBS if the kids raised their goal of at least \$2,000. Since green is his color, he was more than willing to take one for the team. As it turned out, the slime was made from pudding, applesauce, oatmeal, and food color. Add in some granola, and you have a great breakfast food.

Speaking The Language of Love

There are more than 50 different languages spoken in Uganda. However, since English is the official language of education, business, and government, it is the one that's essential. When missionaries move out into tribal lands, they often employ a local translator or pastor to help them reach those who don't speak English. The first Christian missionary, A.M. Mackay, arrived in Uganda in the 1870s. Early missionaries worked to counter the destruction and death brought about by slave traders since the 1840s. However, widespread persecution of Christians began in the 1880s and didn't slow until the ouster of Idi Amin in 1979. Pray that this window of opportunity stays open a little longer.

Your Questions:

One of the questions we have received is, “When we give to Timothy International (T.I.), does all the money go to Bearing Hope Ministries, or can it also be given to other ministries that are under the Timothy International umbrella?” Rest assured that whichever ministry you designate on your check’s memo line, bank draft, or credit card giving, that is the ministry that will be supported by that gift. Two of the things we love about T.I. are their commitment to financial transparency and their support of God’s work around the world. But know that your gifts to us stay with us.

Prayer Request

Our most urgent need is for you to regularly pray that God will bless our ministry, including the podcast. We also pray that God will help others ask us the right questions and we will respond with the



right answers. We have seen this prayer change hearts in the Middle East and Asia. We believe it will do the same in Africa. And may God’s love shine through every day.

On the Podcast:

We live in a world where anxiety, despair, and cynicism are commonplace, even among people who call themselves Christians. In addition to sharing God’s love with people who don’t yet know Him, we believe a key purpose of the podcast is to disciple Christians on how to have godly hope, regardless of circumstances. Will you tune in and share the podcast with others, as well? We can be found at authorbearmills.com, Alexa, Google, iHeartRadio, Spotify, Amazon Music, and iTunes. One of our most hope-filled books, “Death Knocking, Life Calling,” is also available at Amazon. All proceeds from the sale of the book go to God’s work on the continent of Asia.

Talk To Us

We’d love to hear from you. Questions, prayer requests, shoutouts, write us at authorbearmills@gmail.com.

A Final Thought...

Two excellent books on mission work in Africa are “David Livingstone: Africa’s Trailblazer” by Geoff and Janet Bengé and “Grandma’s Letters from Africa” by Linda K. Thomas. Both are available from Amazon.