Winter 2024



# MPagaja Family Musings

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose." **Romans 8:28** 

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Happy New Year to you all! We hope you and your loved ones had a wonderful time celebrating all the holidays.

# TIME SPENT IN YORK, PA

We made the trek up north, arrived in York on October 28th, and left on January 27th. It was such a blessing to spend holidays and birthdays with family after a long time; I realized it had been five years since I had been home with family for Christmas!



We also had many opportunities to get together with ministry partners to share what God is doing in and through us in ministry. Being able to share face-to-face was a great blessing and makes such a difference than just receiving an email or watching a video update. We were thankful to have a house to stay in that allowed us to host get-togethers as well.



On December 16th, we hosted a Malawian dinner for our ministry partners in the area and it was such a lovely time! Jahswel put on his chef's hat and cooked up a Malawian meal for everyone: Nsima (cooked maize flour and water, Malawi's staple food), rice, beans, mustard

greens, chicken, and goat meat. Sharing Malawian food opened the door for many questions and

allowed us to share about Malawian culture uniquely. We wanted to do something in return for our ministry partners as a small way to say, "Thank you", and everyone had a great time. And they enjoyed the food! We are hopeful to have more Malawian dinners like that in the future.



We had a couple of snow days while we were up north, and I am not sure who was more excited about it, Jahswel or Jedidiah! They had so much fun experiencing snow for the first time, shoveling, sledding, and having snowball fights. All in all, our time in York was a great blessing and we can see why God had planned this time for us.

# **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

When we left for York, we were at 64% of our monthly budget. We are grateful to share that we are at 80% of our goal! That means we have \$700/ month left to raise and we are trusting in the Lord to provide. We praise God for our new ministry partners who have joined hands with us and have



committed to supporting us monthly. You are an answer to our prayers!

## **PREGNANCY UPDATE**

As I'm writing this, I am 32 weeks along with my second baby! It is hard to believe that in two short

months, I will be holding my second child in my arms. Baby boy is growing like a weed and has a good strong heartbeat. Please continue to pray for a healthy pregnancy, and for me as I mentally and emotionally prepare to give birth. We are excited about the birth center that I'm planning



to deliver at, and we are grateful to say that we have paid in full the cost of our care! So we can fully focus on the birth now and not worry about making any more payments. Thank You, Lord!

# B RTHDAY B RTHDAY

# **JEDIDIAH**

Our sweet boy Jedi is now two years old! We celebrated his birthday with family and had a "Bluey Dance Party". He has grown up so much in just the last couple of months—speaking in full sentences, carrying on conversations, telling

stories, playing much more independently, potty training, sleeping in a big boy bed... He is a sweetheart, a quick learner, a silly goose, and loves friends. We are so very proud of him! He knows that very soon, his baby brother is going to join us. We believe Jedi is going to love him to pieces!



# **SUMMER 2024 - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

We have been asked to go to the Dominican Republic this summer! Jahswel will be the head leader of the team, along with a head female leader, and three assistant leaders. We expect there to be 20 team members. I will go as a family member so that I can take care of our children full-time and I am looking forward to getting to know the leaders and team members. The team project is to help with a children's camp with Child Evangelism Fellowship and to continue constructing a chapel building. We are very excited about this opportunity, especially as Jahswel's first time leading an American Teen Missions team, and to a new country!

The project assignment expense for us to go with Jahswel is \$2390. Please join us in prayer for this trip, for the funds to come in, and for the Lord to prepare our hearts to minister to the teens and all who we will come in contact with this summer. If you feel the Lord leading you to give, you can go to www.teenmissions.org/project/core-mission-fund and specify in the comment box that the donation is for "Mpagaja summer expense". Thank you and God bless you! We are excited about what the Lord is going to do on this trip!

Blessings to you and yours!

Cheyenne, Jahswel & Jedidiah

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Jahswel and Cheyenne Mpagaja

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# **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

WINTER & SPRING: Youth Groups, Schools, and Church groups welcome!

**Worldwide Statistics** 

**Teen Missions** 

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**Teen Missions International** 

# Ministry Update

# The Tough Gator 5K Mud Run is an "event with a purpose!"



Winter 2024

100% of the proceeds from our annual fundraiser in 2023 were sent to our TMI ministries overseas. The proceeds assisted families and orphans with school fees, uniforms, food, and other daily needs. It was also used in unexpected ways. This is a story from our Malawi country coordinator, Miscious.



"Greetings in Jesus name. When I visited the Wellman Family Rescue Unit, I found this poor Agogo (grandmother) sitting down. I felt sorry. She does not have anyone to help her. Her house is just by the entrance of our ministries, and she struggles with the rain daily. She did not beg anything from us, but when I saw this, I discussed what we can do to help her." Miscious and the Malawi staff had some bricks to start helping build a house but didn't have cement or other materials needed. Miscious was able to use

\$300 from the Mud Run money they had received to build a new house for her. Miscious says that the Agogo appreciates the house and said, "Teen Missions has given her a new life and she has seen the love of God." The chief of the local village said that, "It is a real gesture that Teen Missions is here to show the love of Christ."



**Before** 





**After** 

Sojourner Campus Days March 6 - 8



Want to tour the Sojourner School of Ministry campus, preview our Bible classes, participate in chapel, meet our staff, and experience Sojourner life?

Come visit Sojourner School of Ministry for Campus Days! Stay in the dorms, engage in the normal school life of our current students, and see what life is like on Merritt Island. You will also get to be a part of our weekly Community Night where we come together as a student body to worship, play games, and/or relax!

Lead a Team **This Summer! Spring Leaders Seminar** Feb 29 - March 3

# Gain Valuable Experience

- Teach Bible Studies
- Build valuable skills in youth ministry

# **Help Youth**

- Discover gifts and abilities
- Grow closer to the Lord
- Develop a burden and heart for world missions
- Impact nations and eternity

# Join Our Staff Family! **First Step Orientation** March 4 - 8

Our current reality has taught us all that we live daily on the edge of eternity. Come and join the Teen Missions family and have the privilege of working toward eternity's reward! First Step is the opportunity to come and see what Teen Missions is doing worldwide. Positions are available in Graphics, Computers, Finance, Mechanics, Maintenance, Video, Promotions, Office Work, Landscaping, and at various overseas bases.