



Dear Friends and Family,

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I hope this letter finds you well. As many of you know, I have been given the opportunity to live out my dream of moving to Uganda. In 2005, before graduating from nursing school, I was asked to write a biographical narrative about why I chose a career in nursing and what I planned to do with my nursing degree. I could easily and confidently write of my desire to be on the mission field and to help heal patients both physically and spiritually. As I have continued to visit many third world countries, I have been so grateful for the opportunities to impact and to, in turn, be influenced by the people I meet through nursing. But, the most influential and life changing opportunities have occurred while working with orphans in Uganda.

I visited Uganda a few years ago and immediately fell in love with the country and people. I have returned approximately every six months and started leading short-term teams last year. In my time there, I developed close relationships with children in orphanages. I was heartbroken to learn that these children were the victims of terrible injustices such as abuse, abandonment, and trafficking. I was thankful for the hands-on medical care I was able to provide in emergent situations, but I wanted to do so much more than that to ensure these children were loved and safe. In my search for ways to be involved, I was led to an organization called A Child's Voice. I was so thankful that A Child's Voice was a ministry that already existed as an advocate for vulnerable children and families in Uganda. They use social policy, education, and family empowerment to promote solutions that strengthen these families and care for orphans without orphanages. I have countless stories of how A Child's Voice has placed at risk children into families where they are now thriving. To hear the stories of these children whom God rescued from corrupt orphanages and placed into loving families has changed my life. When the opportunity to work for such an incredible ministry presented itself, I knew this was the perfect position. Without hesitation, I said "Yes." I am both humbled and grateful for the way God has reminded me of His redemptive and loving character through the story of rescue He is writing in Uganda and how incredible that He used my heartbreak to lead me to be a part of an organization that works to protect children from the very things that were causing my heart to break.

I will be working with an American sending agency called Equip International. Equip International is partnering with A Child's Voice in Uganda. God willing, I will be leaving in June, 2014. I will be working in targeted areas of Kampala, Uganda, where children are most at risk for being abandoned or trafficked. One of the main reasons children in these areas become orphans is due to the high percentage of persons living with HIV and other diseases. Using my nursing background, I will help plan care for HIV infected mothers and children. I will oversee self-sustainability projects for these women. I will also attend to any immediate and critical medical needs for families referred for care and protection. I will attend training provided by Equip International called Community Health Evangelism and Missionary Medicine Intensive to receive instruction on how to provide this medical treatment in third world countries.

I am writing to ask you to prayerfully consider joining me in ministry through prayer and/or financial support. Working with children and families living in extreme poverty is emotionally, spiritually, and physically hard work

and I cannot adequately express the magnitude of prayer I will need. Your commitment to partner with me in prayer, for the children of Uganda and for our ministry, means more than you know! Financially, I will need to raise \$3,500 a month and an additional \$5,000 for necessary training and airfare. My monthly costs will also include funds for projects/ programs through A Child's Voice that I will be overseeing. Your commitment to partner with me financially would help my dreams for these children and families in Uganda become a reality and would mean so much to me! If you are able to support me financially, you may do so by going to <http://www.equipinternational.org>. Once there, click on "Donations," and then scroll down to the bottom of the page and click "Donate Now." Enter my name as the missionary that you are choosing to support. You may make one time, monthly, quarterly, or annual donations. You may also write a check and mail it to Equip. Their address is Equip, Inc., P.O.Box 1126, Marion, NC 28752. You may also fill out the attached commitment card on the letter from Harold Bracken and return it to Equip International. You will receive quarterly newsletters from me while I am in Uganda. I would love for you to follow my journey more closely by going to www.courtneywolf.blogspot.com. Thank you for your love and support for me! I am very grateful.

Because He made us family,

Courtney Wolf

"For the Equipping of the Saints and the Strengthening of the Body of Christ" Eph. 4:12