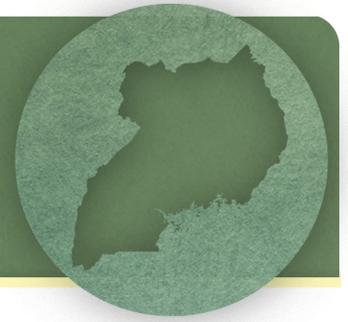




— Thomas & Kristin —  
**IRVIN**  
 PREACHING THE GOSPEL IN UGANDA



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*“But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth” Psalms 86 15.*

**That ye may stand perfect and complete:**

Service to Christ isn't performed alone in a vacuum. This being reality, a man that hath friends must show himself friendly. Kristin and I greatly benefit from the relationship established with Baptist International Missions Incorporated (BIMI). We often marvel when considering certain of the individuals we have had the honor to meet in passing when on campus. These men and women have served Jesus Christ 20, 30, 40, 50, or 60 years and more. Their collective experience of faithful servants is an invaluable asset.

Kristin and I have met people there that lived through incredible ministries only read about in dust-covered missionary biographies of old. We were on our way to year-two training in Chattanooga when we received word about Martha Kunberger passing away. When attending classes at the BIMI campus we often see her passing by in the hallways, always laboring and helping. The delicate nature of her later years did not slow her service to Jesus Christ or to others. When seeing her, my mind would immediately slip into thoughts of her ministering in the Congo alone. I often remember the photo of her closely hugging that child in the BIMI poster, such a precious sight. We officially completed our year two training and look forward to a long and fruitful BIMI relationship in service to the Lord. The help and guidance of such experienced people have proven to be a great asset.



**Who is this King of Glory:**

While on deputation, God's people have greatly blessed Kristin and me. We had the wonderful opportunity to spend time in Albany, Kentucky, with our good friend Pastor Melvin Daniel. The time and effort he invested in our ministry were humbling to see. We cannot thank him enough for his generosity. God's people have been so good to us, it's often difficult to fully take in. Albany Independent Baptist Church even allowed us to stay behind a few extra days and help with their VBS. Truly God is good!

**The LORD strong and mighty:**

Our rapid advance on deputation has yet to show signs of slowing. As of the end of June, we are closing in on 60%, and looking to surpass it. In light of this, along with certain other news received recently, Kristin and I will be taking a trip to Uganda in the January/February timeframe. In keeping with accomplishing goals, our plan is to pin down certain necessities while in country. Please pray as we make preparations for this trip, we will present more detail in future prayer letters.



**Brethren, pray for us:**

Please continue to pray we complete deputation by January 2020. Each day this goal becomes more realistic, we are pressing hard toward this mark. Please pray as we make preparations for our trip to Uganda; the success of this trip will allow for a smoother transition later next year. Finally, pray and thank the Lord for His wonderful goodness to us all.

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