



Terri Clark Ministries, Inc.

Greetings to all!

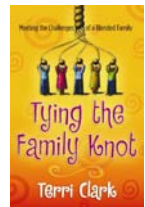
Since my last newsletter, God has been teaching me how to walk by faith and not by sight in every area of ministry. In keeping with this line of learning, the last few months have been an incredible journey of faith, spiritual fortitude and victory. I find it amazing to see how God works *all* things together for good—orchestrating and organizing our lives to accomplish His purposes.

Let me begin by thanking you for your prayers, encouragement and financial support. God is using your faithfulness in all of these areas to empower this ministry. Your prayers are the backbone of everything we do, your encouragement keeps me moving forward when my flesh is weak, and your financial support under girds the work that is being accomplished for God’s glory. Mere words seem so inadequate to express to you how much you mean to me, so let me say it in the Lugandan language, “Nkwagala nyo nyo nyo!” (I love you very, very, very much!)

Blended Family Ministry

I continue to get emails from couples who have found my book a valuable resource in blending their families. This is an email excerpt from a lady named Marcia:

“...Because of your experience, I went to scripture first. I read through many of the proverbs and pleaded with God for His wisdom regarding the circumstance. Not long after, my husband came into our room and we talked. It was that day when he picked up *Tying the Family Knot* himself and began reading. My husband reads two things, God's Word and his "technical engineer" documents for work. He does not read books...they don't hold his interest. However, your excellent writing style and down to earth nature has really intrigued him enough to keep him reading more...”



Several churches around the country are keeping me busy with their requests for the *Tying the Family Knot* workshop and seminar packages. In addition to the blended family seminars, God blessed me with a contract to write a monthly column for blended families in *Living With Teenagers Magazine*. The column is called, *The Right Blend*. I have been very encouraged to see how God is using my book to help families who are struggling, hold on to their marriage commitment and stay together.

Please Pray:

- Join me in praising God for the blended families who are being helped by this ministry
- Pray that God opens the door in more churches to reach out to their blended family couples with *Tying the Family Knot* seminars and workshops, giving them the tools they need to apply God’s Word to their situations.
- Pray God will provide more writing opportunities that I might minister through the written word.

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Uganda Mission Trip:

Our mission trip to Uganda in March was absolutely awesome! We did so much in a week's time that I will have to break it all down into segments: The Medical Clinic, visiting the schools, the Children's Crusades, the Children's Sponsorship Program and The Women's Conference. Check out the pictures from each segment of our trip, I know you'll be blessed.

The Medical Clinic

Because the focus of this mission trip was children, we decided to do something for the children in the clinic. The children in Uganda, like American children, are fearful of visiting the doctor with all their scary needles and stethoscopes. Three of our team members, Mandi Clark, Donna Anderson, and Carrie Dan Post were given the assignment of creating a children's waiting area. They painted the ABC's on the wall to define the children's space. We provided the funds to build a children's table, which Roger Lewin, another talented team member designed, and bought several small plastic children's chairs to go around it. Donna donated a pile of hard backed children's books and Lynda Lewin gave a wipe off board and colorful markers to entertain the children while they wait to see the doctor.

In addition to the Children's area, the entire clinic got a pick-me-up with Mandi's creative way of illustrating God's Word on the bare walls. Carrie met the nurses request for providing instructions on taking medications, by beautifully painting them on the walls. Our three artists spent a full day loving on all the curious children who gathered around while they painted. The end result, as you can see, is a work of art! Monique tells me the children love the books and play area. As soon as they come through the door of the clinic they run to it. ☺

Since its grand opening in October of 2004, The Ray of Hope Medical Center has become a vital part of the Ntinda community—bustling with activity and busting at the seams. Because of the great need and lack of space to accommodate those who need long-term care or surgery, we have begun the drive to complete the next phase of the clinic construction. The second floor will have a men's ward, a women's ward, a lab, and a surgical room.

It will take \$25,000 to begin. This will cover the cost of the roof slab and its supporting pillars. The entire second floor cost is projected to be about \$35,000. The doctors, nurses, the Mubiru's and all of us in Terri Clark Ministries are excited, anxious and prayerful about moving forward with the construction.

Pray:

- Uganda, like most African nations, is plagued by the HIV/AIDS Epidemic. Nearly every family is touched by death and disease. Pray for the families of this community—their healing, both physical and spiritual.
- Pray for the doctors and nurses as they care for, provide treatment and minister to their patients.
- Pray for the provision of Ray of Hope's ongoing monthly expenses with utilities, medicines, and overhead costs.
- Pray that God provides a large generator for the clinic. The cost is between \$11,200 -\$13,000. Because of the drought in East Africa, Lake Victoria is down and electrical power is being rationed throughout the nation. Every other day power is cut off in 24 hour intervals, making work and treatment difficult.
- Pray that God will provide the funds to move forward in the next phase of the clinic construction.

School Visits & Children's Crusades:

During our mission trip, our team covered a tremendous amount of ground. On the day that the clinic was being painted, Roger and Lynda Lewin were sent out with Moses, our Children's Program Director, to visit several schools. Lynda and Roger used their gifts of music and song, coupled with years of teaching experience to touch the lives of hundreds of children all over the Ntinda region.

While the Lewin's were visiting the schools and the girls were painting the clinic, Harvey spent time with Pastor John, Monique's husband, on some administrative work, and Monique and I finalized all the arrangements for the crusades in Matuga and Ntinda. Meanwhile, Judi, Emma and Ellen were organizing and sorting all of the schools supplies and gifts we brought for distribution to the children in the crusades. We brought thirty suitcases filled to the maximum airline weight limit of 70lbs! This job in itself was a huge project because every single child in every school and at both crusades received a gift to take home. Everyone had a job and by the time we returned to Guest House that evening, we were ready for our mosquito netted beds!

Presenting the Gospel through song and word, the entire team visited the Najeera Secondary School the next day. Peter, the school Administrator, provided a wonderful opportunity for us to sit down and visit with some of the children who are being sponsored through our program. Just hearing their stories, seeing how much they appreciate their sponsors, and how hard they are working to excel in school makes it all worth while. We left that school encouraged and blessed.

The big focus of this mission trip was the two children's crusades. As wonderful as it was to reach the children in the schools, we knew we could reach so many more with crusades. Children were bussed in from many of the schools, others came because of the radio and poster campaigns. We even brought hundreds of children in with the parades we organized. You should have seen us marching through the two communities—complete with marching bands, banners and posters! We felt like the Pied Piper! Between the two crusades, we estimate around 3000 children were reached with the truth of God's love! In addition to the actual live crusades, we did a live radio program, and two newspapers and two television stations covered the events. Talk about the favor of God! He was on double duty making sure His Word was being declared to every corner of the Kampala area—and beyond!

The crusades were awesome for a number of reasons, but the first reason is because it had never been done before. *Everyone* was excited because this was a completely new approach to spreading the Gospel. Most crusades direct the Gospel message to adults, but in Uganda there are so many hurting children who also need the hope of Jesus' love and salvation. Literally, every Ugandan child can tell you a story that will break your heart—and they are just children.

In the crusades, we deliberately designed all of the programs to involve Christian children ministering to their peers. There were child evangelists and preachers, children's groups who sang, and children's groups who danced. There were even children's Bible memory contests, complete with prizes. Our whole group shared the Gospel with Lynda leading the music and teaching from her unique Bible Stories colorfully illustrated on huge sheets for everyone to see. The stories on the sheets were reinforced by the coloring books with the same stories and pictures. *Every child* received a coloring book, crayons, school supplies, toothbrushes, balloons and a variety of other goodies—*All 3000 of them!*

Children's Sponsorship Program

As a result of our crusades and ministry to the children of Uganda, our Children's sponsorship program has exploded. We have more than doubled our sponsorships since our return to the US. America is opening her heart to these impoverished children. Another thing that has grown since our crusades is the Saturday Bible Program. Many of the children who came to the crusades are now attending the Saturday program. This has really opened the door of outreach into the entire community. We are rejoicing with the angels in heaven over all the new souls being added to God's Kingdom! The teachers are ecstatic over the donated teaching materials and books we brought to them as well. These materials help them in tutoring the children who are behind in school. Many children get behind because their parents or guardians cannot afford the fees to keep them in school. These teachers work every Saturday in our program to help them get caught up. The only down side of the increasing number of children attending the Saturday program is the cost of feeding them lunch. But you know what? If our God can provide food for 5000 from a few loaves and fish, He can certainly multiply the matoke (steamed bananas-an African staple) for our kids too! Mukama Balungee! (God is good!)

NOTE: We have now posted all the children who need sponsors with their pictures and background information on my website. Go to www.terrclarkministries.org, on the Uganda button, choose the age group you are interested in on the drop down menu and find a child you would like to sponsor. Click on the child's picture and it will take you to the Sponsorship form. You can even pay online. What could be easier! Even if you already sponsor a child, you might want to just take a look. Check it out!

Pray:

- Pray for God's provision to feed the increasing number of children attending the Saturday program.
- Pray for Moses, the Director and all of our teachers and workers in the program as they follow up with the children who were saved in the crusades and the ones who need help with school tutoring. It is a big job!

Women's Conference:

While the focus of our mission trip was on children, we did not want to neglect the women. Monique Mubiru has a very effective ministry to women all over Uganda. Everyone was thrilled that we were ministering to the children, but begged to have at least one service dedicated to women. One woman actually walked sixteen miles to come!

This was a special evening set apart just for the ladies. Three of our team members were the speakers. Emma Jean Smith gave an awesome message about how every woman has a destiny with God in this world. I followed with encouragement on how though Christ, God can turn the "bitter water" or circumstances of our lives into a palatable situation, but He inevitably leads us past them to the Spring of Living Water. Judy Mayfield concluded with a testimony of God's awesome hand in overcoming the enemy, accompanied by a powerful dance. It was amazing to see how each message built upon the preceding one with a continuing message of hope for these hurting women. We never conferred with each other on our topics for the night, but obviously God was in on the whole thing! The evening ended with ministry and individual prayer for nearly every woman in attendance.

Pray for the Women of Uganda:

- Many are AIDS widows, and many have lost children to disease. Their wounds and the difficulty of their lives runs deep. Some so deep that only the love of God can heal.
- Africa is a mix of cultural and age-old beliefs. Many of the women who are saved and coming to church are married to polygamist husbands who think nothing of taking on multiple wives. These men often abandon the first wife for the new ones. The women who already live in poverty are left to care for their children without any kind of help.
- Pray for Monique Mubiru and the Christian women in the Christ Centered Church as they reach out to the lost and hurting women in their community. Hold up their arms in prayer. There is a spiritual war being waged in the heavenlies for the souls of these women.

In Conclusion:

God has been so faithful to me and all those that have worked with me in this ministry. He has abundantly provided and continues to provide all we can possibly need to do the work He has called us to do. Thank you for being a part of Terri Clark Ministries with your encouragement, prayers, and financial support. May God return every blessing back to you and may He receive all the praise, honor and glory for every good thing.

I would like to encourage each and every one of you to write to me and let me know how I can pray for you. With God's blessings to you and your families, I am...

Sincerely in Christ's Service,

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