

Wings of Healing

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Natural Resources & Natural Medicine

We have lived on the farm for 5 years now. We do a lot of agriculture to supplement feeding so many. Beans, sweet potatoes, and peanuts are staples. Our peanut enemy is guinea fowl. When a trap catches one, we add it to our meal of beans, greens, and sorghum - a bonus to our meatless diet.

Right now, we are in an unexpected dry season. If not for our shallow well, deep well with a solar pump, and rainwater catchment, we would be losing all crops. Thank you!!

A few of the natural medicines I grow help a lot of people. Cassia Alata, an antifungal, cures ringworm, which is a problem here. Euphorbia Hirta, asthma weed, effectively stops asthma attacks and, as tea, can help heal diseased lungs and treat dysentery. Aloe Vera is used for burns, wounds, skin/hair care, and digestive health. Honey from our beehives is being used for healing deep bedsores in one patient who is a quadriplegic. Honey has much more nutritional value than sugar, and the bees do all the work; all we do is harvest.

We work hard, play hard, and laugh a lot. My favorite time is in the afternoon when we sit in the kitchen and play Uno and Dos card games. We bought a punching bag for the men and a smaller one for the kids. They hung them up under the mango trees, and the men train while our kids mimic their dads. It's so much fun to watch. We have 4 bicycles also.

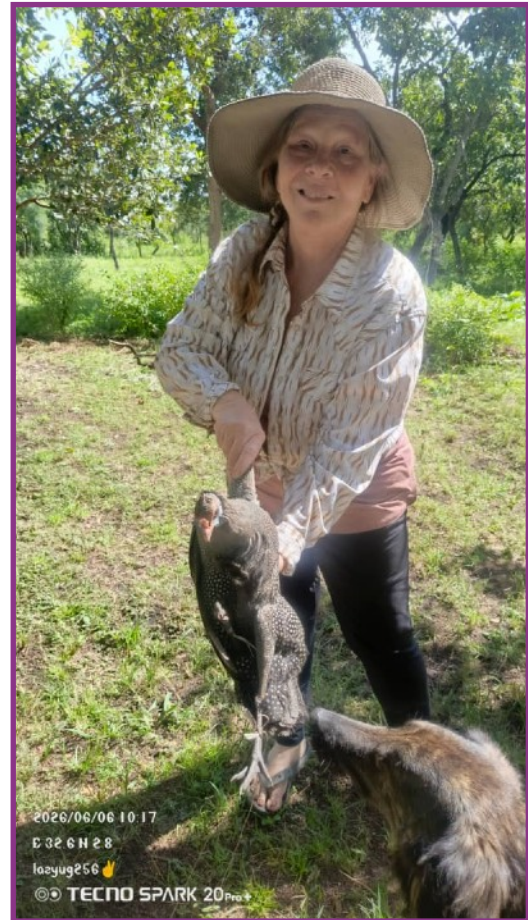
I pray and listen for God's direction. The ministry has changed several times in 15 years, but the mission will always be to bring the Gospel and discipleship. "Teach my children" is what I hear. Farming, beekeeping, building, formal school, and the Word are a few of our teachings. All are needed for them to learn how to be adults well and care for themselves.

It was 2012 when I took in Juru. I never knew God would give me 11 kids to raise. We took in Juru's siblings, Danga and Gladys. Juru is married to Simon, and Blessing is their daughter. They both are kind, capable, and loving adults. Moses and Rose are expecting their second child in December. That will be the fourth child born to WoH since we moved to the farm in 2021. The farm and the Gospel are both about growth.

We now have 6 of my kids at Gulu High School, and Jurugo is at St. John Paul for his junior and senior years. I am so pleased Danga returned home 3 months ago with his wife, Juan, and their 4-month-old daughter. The WoH family is always growing. Kids come and go just like any family.

The 2 new buildings are complete. The one with 2 apartments needs doors, windows, and floors poured. Danga and his family are living in Simon & Juru's home until the apartments are finished.

Not all our natural resources are good. This python got one of our younger goats. Simon went to the goat farm, got it, and left some meat for our goat herders, who also made a good meal out of the snake. Being from Texas, I have eaten rattlesnake, but this one had much more meat. Bon appetit!



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Uganda has had 19 Ebola cases that came from a person from Congo. It's now been 2 weeks without any new infections.

One of the reasons for moving to the farm is that I was seeing the "signs of the times." I am sure you are also aware that the world is changing quickly, but He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. I trust Him completely to guide my path.

We want to become more self-sufficient. Right now, we have 6 months of food in our stores and 170 goats.

Needs

1. It will cost \$6500 for the chain link and cement poles for the 3-acre residential area of the farm. Transport & labor included. Then the barbed wire will go around the other 12 acres of the farm.
2. It's about \$1700 for solar security lights and cameras for all areas of the farm.
3. Finishing the houses should cost about \$1200 for windows, doors, and floors.
4. A solar fridge/freezer is \$1100, and it's a *luxury* I've never had for 15 years. But I am enjoying having the solar hot water heater. We are totally off the grid.

As for me, I arrive in Spokane on July 6 and have my first of 5 medical appointments on July 8. The cataract surgeries were a great success. One of my appointments was delayed in April, so I had to go back earlier than I expected.

Due to Ebola, I had to reroute my travel with two additional stops to get home. It will be 42 hours of flying and layovers with four flights instead of three. Pray for my journey.

When I was in Spokane in March and April, I used my no-money-down VA loan to buy a home on Reflection Lake in Elk. Rachel, Matthew, and Aria moved in on June 1st. It's a 4/2 split-level with lots of room. I have a house to live in when I am stateside. Praise God! We still need lots of furniture. All the appliances have now been delivered. Rachel and the kids all have beds, but not much else.



As always, I **thank the Lord** for your faithfulness. God has never failed to provide our needs from your generosity and my retirement. Help us have a more secure space.

You can call or text me at 509-641-2376. My phone has WiFi calling, and texts are also free. We are waiting to get Starlink.

Love,

Amanda & all my Kids on both sides of the pond

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