



NURSE'S NEWS FROM GLENNA—OCTOBER 2008



**Daniel Tumwine
before surgery.
(June 2008)**



Daniel—after surgery.



**Daniel with parents and
siblings, along with Glenna
holding their baby.**

It seems like some time since I have communicated with all of you! So sorry! It has been a full and busy summer. I am so thankful for the many ways the Lord has protected and provided for me during this time. I made many trips to hospital to visit young Daniel. He has been crippled with polio and only able to crawl, for the past 9 years. After 101 days in hospital, 2 or 3 surgeries on his paralyzed legs, hours of physical therapy and rehab, he was discharged walking on crutches, with braces on his legs. We were also able to have a wheelchair made for him, as well as other needed equipment. On Sunday, we visited his village and enjoyed a wonderful celebration with Daniel's family and home church - Kasula Church of God. What a time of rejoicing, and even disbelief that such a miracle could happen for this 11 year old boy! This is truly life changing for this young boy, who could not even go to school, because it was too far to crawl. Where once he was teased and ridiculed by others for his disability, now the children and friends fight about who will get to push his wheelchair. The Lord also miraculously provided the financial support needed for this child. Through the healing of a child in Canada of a tumor, the family gratefully provided funding for sick/needy children in Uganda. We are so blessed!

I was privileged to spend some vacation time in Canada with my family in August. I enjoyed my grandson Lucas, as we kept busy with activities like camping, shopping, going to McDonald's, swimming, visiting the Rockies, the zoo and baking cookies-to name a few things. It was also a real pleasure to be at the wedding of Ashley and Nathaniel (my nephew), and see most of my family members there.

Since my return to Uganda, I have been kept busy trying to catch up on everything, as well as get the year end financial reports in to the government offices. We have had visitors from US here, assisting with buildings, painting, school programs and the medical department. It is always so encouraging to have these enthusiastic friends in our midst. We are so thankful for these opportunities to share about what is going on in Uganda, and have them be involved, as well as to go home and tell others. I am hoping and praying for nurses and other missionaries to come, particularly so there is someone in place to cover the medical department when I go on Home assignment next year, and also to take over when I retire. Please pray with me and spread the word.



Sunday to the rescue.



Ouch...Oweeeee!



Two of my favorite things!

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After being at Kasubi (church headquarters and clinic) all day with the medical work camp team, I left them there to watch the kids singing, etc, and I headed home early without them. On our way home Sunday (my driver/assistant) and I were in a car accident. We were hit by a big lorry (truck ---beer truck) which was coming towards us. There were 2 cars in front of us both turning across his lane, to enter a store parking lot. He was going too fast to brake and avoid hitting them, so he swerved into our lane. Sunday reacted quickly and swerved the car into the ditch. The lorry caught us on the back fender and bumper. Had Sunday not swerved so quickly, the truck would have hit us head on, and likely Sunday for sure would have been seriously injured. So we are not injured – just shaken up. There was a truck full of police behind the lorry, so they actually witnessed what happened. They didn't charge the driver however, as he called his boss, who came, and agreed that he would pay for the damages to my car. So it took another hour or more to work that out, and get the car to the shop and rip off the broken hanging pieces. It is still drivable fortunately, as my schedule would be very disrupted to have the car out of commission. I have 4 more days of village trips, and then will take the car in on Saturday afternoon when we get back.

I am just so thankful that the damage was minimal and we were not hurt. God is good.

This past weekend, on our way to Daniels village in western Uganda, we had a bad tire blow out, on a very busy, narrow stretch of highway. Again- so thankful that Sunday was along and kept control of the car, and got the tire changed. We stopped in the next town for repairs. We got to church at 1230 (we had left KLA at 7 am for the 3 hours drive.) so that was a long day- the people had already been in church since 9 waiting for us.

Yesterday, I had to get 2 new tires, and was told the remaining 2 are in bad shape and need replacing. Hopefully, they will hang in there for another month.

The Health Centers continue to provide services to an increasing number of patients. All of them have received new curtains, sewn by ladies of the Barrhead Church of God. They look wonderful, and the staff are so pleased with them.

These little things, done with so much love, are a real witness and testimony to the staff and community, of how God uses His people to bless one another.

We continue to be challenged every month, to meet the costs of keeping the health centers open, paying salaries and buying drugs and supplies. I encourage all of you to think about sponsoring the operations of the health centers, on a long term basis. I appreciate all that you are doing to provide health care for the many poor, disadvantaged and vulnerable people here in Uganda. May you be Blessed!!

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