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Dear Family and Friends,

I am thankful to be in the States for furlough, but I sure miss Uganda. I have really enjoyed traveling for furlough meetings and adventures. I am more grateful to see and to meet the ones who faithfully pray and support me. It's been a true blessing to represent S.O.A.P. (Soroti Orphanage Assistance Project), and to see God provide some of the new supporters for which we have been praying.

In April, I enjoyed traveling throughout West Virginia and introducing S.O.A.P to many churches and individuals. I fell in love with West Virginia and their pepperoni rolls. I had a wonderful time seeing friends that I haven't seen in years and making new friends and family. I was able to stay with a sweet couple who became my West Virginia parents. We have already scheduled another visit in November before I fly back to Uganda on December 2.

I headed up to Michigan for the month of May, and I loved seeing the state of Michigan as I traveled to different churches introducing S.O.A.P. to them. It was an honor to be able to spend time with Kate Hubbartt, Sarah Green and their families. I was also surprised to be able to spend time with the Shaardas, a family who lives in Soroti, Uganda. The Hubbartt family and Mandy Shaarda came to the meeting I had at Plainfield Baptist Church, and it was a blessing to see familiar faces in the congregation. Plainfield Baptist Church was a new church I went to for the orphanage, and I really enjoyed meeting this church family. The icing on the cake was that they had a Deaf Ministry, and it didn't take long for me to fall in love with this church. Towards the end of May, I was able to fly to Colorado to visit Rob and Julie Hall and their sweet family. The family of God is huge, and I'm thankful to truly be a part of this family. I flew back to Michigan and drove through Ohio to stay with some dear missionary friends for one night because I had to be in South Hill, Virginia, by Saturday night. I then stayed in West Virginia one more night, and made it to Virginia for my last meeting until August! I enjoyed seeing the Newcomb and Carrol families at Southside Baptist Church on May 31! After the morning service and lunch, I was able to make it to Georgia by that evening.

June has been a wonderful month filled with family fun. I have enjoyed resting and being able to be in one place for the summer. Please be in prayer for my brother and his family as Mulberry Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, called Kyle as their Senior Pastor on June 13, 2021. I am overjoyed for Kyle and Trina, and the opportunities that are before them at Mulberry. The last Saturday in June, we had a family reunion for my mom's side of the family. We had a wonderful time catching up with one another, and we were able to get a family picture, but we were missing some family.

I am enjoying my time in the States, and I am longing to be back in Uganda, too! Thank You so much for all the prayers as I traveled visiting churches. It was a true blessing to meet and see the family of God. Please continue to pray for me as I spend time with my family, and continue to be faithful to what God has called me to do.

Reaching The Least of These,

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