

Dear Family and Friends,

I am home now in North Carolina and wanted to thank everyone for their prayers for Matthew and me and the people at Nakasongola over the past two months. The people there have left a deep impression upon me, especially Father Joe. There's a joy, an elusive joy that is unexplainable at Nakasongla, especially in the cases of the children, who, by most standards, shouldn't be happy in their conditions. I pray to know such joy one day.

Slowly, I am adjusting to life back at home. It was an odd thing on the flight home to look out over Raleigh, NC in the dark from my window seat on the plane. There were so many lights, billions of them it seemed (we were lucky to have electricity 2 out of three nights at the parish). Too, it's strange even to get a drink from the water fountain after experiencing the lack of clean water in Uganda.

All in all, it's great to be home (I have eaten plenty of burgers) and sad. I don't want to say too much, mostly thanks and look forward to sharing stories, reflections and pictures with everyone soon. In the meantime, attached are some pictures of Father Joe, John Paul, Isaac and some of the students.

Grace and Peace,

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