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Dear Friends and Family,

We'd like to share with you about a great opportunity that God has lead us to—an opportunity to serve deaf children in Uganda on a short-term mission trip. We would love for you to be a financial and prayer partner in this mission with us.

For the past few months, we have been thinking and praying about going on a mission trip to Kampala, Uganda with the ministry, Until the Whole World Hears. This organization has been traveling to the area for several years and has direct local contacts with believers and several schools that serve deaf children. Our team will spend most of our time focused on interacting with the deaf children, who most of the time are sadly unaware of God's love and are cast out from society. Medical and dental care will be provided as we share the gospel as well as a VBS for the children and training for teachers. Above all, we are devoted to serving the local people and developing relationships with them. This was Christ's model for evangelism and we are excited to carry out the Great Commission in Uganda.

Zoe has been gifted by God with a passion and excitement for languages but has a special burden for the Deaf and has been diligently learning and practicing American Sign Language. When this opportunity arose, she was excited at the chance to honor God by using her passion for the Deaf community and sign language. We believe God is truly going to "do a good work in us" and act through us to bless these people and be blessed by them. This will be a faith-filled trip at every stage. He has already shown Himself reliable in this endeavor by allowing the airfare to Uganda to be purchased at several hundred dollars less per ticket than expected—this allows us to invest more resources into ministry!

As we prepare, we need prayers for safety and for God to work in and through us. Furthermore, we would like to humbly ask you to consider supporting us financially. The cost of the trip is \$3,500 for each of us. Our church is partnering with us, and Zoe is also contributing from work and babysitting money. However, we can't reach that goal without your help. Any contribution you can make would be appreciated. By making the check out to HDBC (the sponsoring church in Jonesboro, Arkansas), your donation can be tax-deductible.

Thank you for partnering with us and supporting us as we prepare for this adventure! We look forward to letting you know how the trip impacted our life when we return. Look for updates at bunchofcharacters.com/uganda2019 !

Blessings,

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