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Dear Prayer Partners,

Carol's passion in Uganda has been to train tutors who can start literacy classes to teach adults who are illiterate. She has worked with Literacy and Evangelism International to create a primer for the Lusamia speaking people and to revise the Luganda and Lumasaba primers.

57 tutors for literacy have now been trained; 46 of them are from Wesleyan Churches. There are currently seven classes with 73 students learning to read in their mother tongue. On December 8, 2018 the first literacy class of six students graduated!

One of the graduates was Jerusa. Jerusa never went to school. Her parents died when she was young and she was raised by her uncles and aunties. She did not go to school because she was responsible for staying home to watch the younger children.

Jerusa wanted to go to school and to learn but she was unable. After she gave her life to Christ she yearned to read the Bible but she could not. Because of her desire to tell people about Jesus she went out to evangelize with a Bible under her arm but she couldn't read it. She was praying that someday she would learn to read her Bible. More than a year ago she joined a literacy class. In December she was one of the six graduates of literacy. At the graduation she said, "I think the literacy program came here in Uganda because of Jerusa." Now she wants to help other people to learn to read. When she goes out to evangelize she can now read the Bible under her arm.

She attends Busia Wesleyan Church when she can get there but she lives more than five kilometers from the Church. Maybe someday a Wesleyan Church can be planted closer to where she lives. Jerusa praises God because He sent someone to teach her how to read her Bible.

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We are leaving Uganda on February 20 for Swaziland. At the end of March we are returning to the USA. We do not plan to come back to live in Uganda. If you have a desire to have us come to your church to talk about Uganda please invite us. We would like to come to say thank you and preach

on the call to ministry. We aren't sure what the next year looks like but we trust God will show us the next step in our journey. We plan to settle in Marion, Indiana where two of our children live.



Jerusa is kneeling - 2nd from the left
Literacy Graduation

Praises:

1. *We praise God for you who have faithfully supported us in prayers and finances!*
2. *Praise God for the tutors who are teaching adults to read and write in their mother tongue and for the students in those classes.*
3. *Praise God for helping Jerusa to learn to read her Bible.*

Prayer Requests:

1. *Pray for the tutors who are teaching students in literacy that they will use this as a ministry to help Christians to grow in their faith by reading their Bibles and as an outreach to help lead other students to Christ.*
2. *Pray for Wesleyan Bible Institute as they train the pastors of the Wesleyan Church of Uganda and Kenya.*
3. *Pray for us as we teach the Corinthian Correspondence at Emmanuel Wesleyan Bible College in Eswatini (Swaziland) in March.*
4. *Pray for us as we transition back to the USA at the end of March.*

Thank you for supporting us and the Wesleyan Church of Uganda!

Because of Christ,

Fred and Carol Cromer