

## Annual Ministry Report – 12/2024 to 12/2025

*Dear supporters, family, friends and all who are interested!*

Welcome to our Annual Ministry Report for the period from December 2024 to December 2025. We are the Wanjala family: Dauglas, Melanie, Jael Treasure (4), Joyce Heaven (2), Jadon Praise (0), as well as our two foster



daughters Esther (15) and Emily (18). It has been our family's first year in full-time ministry in Uganda and we are so excited to share with you all that God has done in, for and through us. But how did it all start?

In 2022, Dauglas got the vision to start a farm on the land he had inherited in his birth village in Busia, Eastern Uganda. The vision developed as we were running the farm remotely from Germany, where we lived from 2021 to 2024. It became clear that the Glory Flow Farm was supposed to be a place of transformation, where we would reach young people, communities and unreached people groups through job creation, one-on-one discipleship and sustainable farming. Our vision and prayer are that one day, the farm will be able to sustain a restaurant and resort/retreat centre on the property as a way of serving tourists as well as the local community. Besides, we want to use the business to fund other areas of ministry such as giving children a home that do not have a safe place.



In the summer of 2024, it became clear to us that we needed to give this vision our full Yes. We decided to quit our jobs in Germany and move to Uganda for at least a year, sent out entirely donation-based by Global Nomads Germany. Dauglas got to travel in September and spent almost three months in Uganda to prepare things on the farm and to look for a home for our family in Jinja. Also, thanks to a generous gift, he was able to purchase a much-needed vehicle for our family and ministry. In the meantime, Melanie took care of the children, paperwork, fundraising, selling household items, packing up the apartment and travel preparations. It was quite an intense time for us as a family, and we would love to thank everyone who helped us out in so many different ways.

A few days before our departure, we had an amazing Goodbye and Send-off party with so many dear friends, family members and supporters. It gave us a lot of courage and motivation to know as we were stepping into a



new, unknown chapter with two little children, we were dearly loved and supported by so many wonderful people in our lives. On December 11<sup>th</sup>, we said Goodbyes at the airport and travelled to Uganda. After some visa issues in Entebbe, we got to spend a few days at friends' house and had two days of rest as a family. As our house in Jinja was not yet ready and Dauglas got an emergency on the farm, Melanie and the children stayed with a dear friend in Kampala for a bit. On 21<sup>st</sup> of December, we were finally able to move into the house, right in time for Christmas. We spent Christmas Eve as a family and with some young men from the neighbourhood, which was a great opportunity to talk about the meaning of Christmas and share the gospel. After that, Dauglas needed to go right back to work on the farm, where many of our goats were pregnant and a new chicken stable had to be constructed. The week of New Years, we had a group of seventeen young adults and children from Kampala visit our home. They left saying that they had found a place of peace at our home and that they had learnt so much about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.



The new year started with a number of challenges as one of Dauglas' brothers got very sick and Dauglas had to take care of him. On the farm, the next emergency occurred when unknown persons poisoned our goats through the fence and more than half of our 70 goats died. The remaining 30 goats' health was also affected, but we thank God they survived. Combined with the need of building a reliable, effective team to work on the farm and being separated most of the time, those first weeks of trying to settle were quite challenging for us as a family. At the end of the month, we finally got to travel to the farm as a whole family for the first time. We had many visitors and got to conduct a Discovery Bible Study with them. The following day, our dear friends Simon and Vivien from Germany came from Kenya to visit us. We



enjoyed a local meal, a farm tour, and an intense football match before we ended the day with a powerful devotional and prayer for each other and some visitors from the village. We drove back to Jinja the following day and had a precious time of campfire and fellowship. We are grateful for such friends that make us grow and share in our highs and lows. When coming home to Jinja, we also brought a new family member with us: Emily. Some of you may remember that we had taken care of her from a distance for some years, and we then felt like it was finally time to bring her home and step into our calling of giving children and young adults a safe home.

In February, Melanie was dealing with some severe pregnancy symptoms, which affected all areas of our daily life. Emily, who is a very quick learner, was an amazing help to her, became part of our family and was so well received and loved by Jael and Joyce. Melanie and the children were given their long-term visa for Uganda and we celebrated with a family trip to Kampala. Back on the farm, out of the 500 chicks we had bought in August, 180 females finally started laying eggs- a very important milestone in the process of starting to generate income on the farm. At the end of the month, a family reunion with Dauglas' mother and siblings, as well as our nieces and nephews, took place at our home in Jinja. We are grateful to God for providing us with a house that has room to host people at all times.



At the beginning of March, Melanie's mother and aunt spontaneously came to visit us, see our world and help out with the children so Melanie could rest. We are grateful for family that care about us! We had a beautiful time exploring Jinja and spending time at home. Unfortunately, during their last week in Uganda, our niece died and we all travelled to the village for the burial. Thanks to a generous financial gift, Dauglas was able to finish the second chicken stable for



the most part, as our chicken got to laying about 50 eggs a day. During mealtime, he also got to share the Word of God and lots of encouragement with our employees and the many young people that were digging the property as daily labourers. As Dauglas was praying about starting a Discovery Bible Study (DBS) with some of them, he got connected to a Pastor from Busia who had just opened a discipleship training centre for the region. What an answered prayer! Pastor F. invited Dauglas to teach at his church and they made plans for future projects and mission trips to unreached people groups, e.g. in Tanzania. In March, we experienced quite a number of unexpected challenges and spiritual attacks. At the same time, we experienced many miracles and much love and support from friends that prayed or called just at the right time. We were grateful to see many young people starting to come to our home to spend time, find a place to sleep or just talk about what is happening in their lives.



At the beginning of April, we were invited to speak at and be part of a marriage conference at Pastor F.'s church in Busia. However, our daughter Joyce had got infected with furuncular myiasis and Melanie had to stay home with her. Only Dauglas attended the conference, got to share some of our

experiences and had a great time with the other couples, most of whom are in positions of spiritual leadership. The following week, we celebrated our five-year marriage anniversary, which was a very special day. When we woke up the following morning, our prayer for a big financial miracle had been answered. This allowed Melanie and Jael to travel to Lebanon for ten days to serve and be with one of Melanie's best friends who was going through a very hard time. In the meantime, Joyce was on the farm with Douglas and Emily and enjoyed it to the fullest. At the end of April, we were all reunited again to celebrate Joyce's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

At the beginning of May, Douglas got into a bike accident in the village and had to spend his birthday in hospital. After we finally got to celebrate him, the next emergency with sick chicken on the farm occurred and he was unable



to be present during the renovations of our home. After two very exhausting weeks of having the entire house painted, it looked great and we were able to get some much-needed furniture. Thank you to all that contributed to that! In the meantime, on the farm, we got two new employees, more goat kids, the chicken recovered from their sickness and started laying 50 to 80 eggs per day. We learnt that running a farm is not always predictable, never mind easy. This month definitely taught us a big lesson: challenges will always come and we need to fight them together, not

against each other. At the end of May, Melanie's parents and brother came to visit us in Uganda and our families finally got to meet for the first time at Douglas' birth home. It was a beautiful time together, sharing food, getting to know each other, playing football and having an egg hunt for all the children.



The beginning of June found us celebrating birthdays, exploring Jinja and before Melanie's family left, we did a boat cruise and had a family photo shooting- such a blessed time! After that, thanks to the generous gift of a brother from Germany, Douglas was able to attend the DMM catalyst camp in Nairobi. It was a great gathering of disciple makers from many different nations coming together to learn and encourage each other. Douglas made valuable new connections and even got to visit the prayer mountain of a Kenyan pastor who had participated as well. Mid-



June, our family celebrated Emily's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday- her first birthday celebration in life. She enjoyed it to the fullest and it was beautiful to see how much she had developed within only few months at our home. A few days after that, we took in another girl that had been entrusted into our care: Esther, 15 years old, from Douglas' home village as well. During one of our morning devotions with the children on giving God our loaves and fish, Jael heard that she should start giving out food to children living on the streets of Jinja. This opened up a door to get to

know them, build relationships and understand their needs. We were challenged to trust God that as we continued taking care of others, he would take care of us in every way, as written in Matthew 6. We experienced answered prayers such as a borrowed car or furniture for the house. Also, we finally got to a point of committing to and honouring the Sabbath every week as a family. It has brought so many changes in the way we approach provision, rest and work.



In July, we started fellowshipping at Arise Africa Jinja Town Church and became part of a family small group. The ladies of the family group organized a baby shower for Melanie, which was a big blessing. Also, we made many new friends in Jinja and had lots of visitors, such as an Egyptian brother volunteering at a school in Iganga. We experienced God's wonderful provision in miraculous ways and Douglas was able to continue serving the street children, trying to identify potential leadership personalities among them. On the farm, some goats got sick and a few newborn goat kids died. In response to attempts of break-in on the property, we got one big solar battery and a few security lights, but remain



in need of another battery, as well as a solar panel and proper security lights. Dauglas and the team cut off unwanted trees on the property, turned them into charcoal for selling and planted various fruit trees. He was able to have a great conversation with a jackfruit seller who came to the farm and is interested in starting a DBS group together.

A psalm that accompanied us through the month of August was Psalm 23: "The Lord is my shepherd. I lack nothing...". One of our prayers was answered when we were provided for with a new washing machine- super important for a family of almost 7, plus lots of visitors. Our church's building was seized that month, which led to more home gatherings, some of which we got to host at our home. This was an amazing opportunity to teach and



learn about discipleship and how the church is supposed to be a family. As we were getting ready for our baby boy, Dauglas got to spend a few weeks at home, took all our girls to the nail salon and hung out with the street children. He was often accompanied by Benjamin, a young man whom we get to disciple and love to see growing in his giftings. During the last week of August, we got to have lunch with a team of Gospel Mission from Germany and were greatly encouraged by them and their work in Northern Uganda.

Melanie's brother came to visit and help out at the beginning of September, and on 9<sup>th</sup>, our sweet Jadon Praise was born. We thank God for a smooth delivery and are so grateful that Jadon was happily received by all his big sisters, as well as other family members and friends. Later in September, Dauglas had to go back to the farm, where 12 new goat kids had been born in the previous weeks. Unfortunately, he had to dismiss our longest serving employee due to theft, and had to fill in the gap so that the work would continue smoothly. During that time, Dauglas started taking private boxing lessons with a professional boxer from his village, and it wasn't long until other young people started getting interested in joining the training sessions. That is when we got the vision of starting a boxing gym on the farm, which would be a great place for young people from the surrounding villages to gather, grow in discipline and learn a new skill.



At the beginning of October, we battled with fleas in our home and had to leave for a few days. This connected us to a very loving family in Jinja that opened their home to us- the founders of Amiina Ministries. A few days after



that, two dear friends from Germany came to visit and serve our family for a little over a week, which was a wonderful blessing to us. It was a month of trying to implement new routines for our family, such as homeschooling or chore management. However, these were often disrupted by unpredicted challenges such as a power outage for 9 (!) days, mechanical problems with the car due to the road conditions and financial straits. On the positive side, we had many great conversations with visitors and our children, saw fruit of

discipleship and growth on the farm. The health of our goats improved and after their number going down to 30 after the poisoning in January, we counted 60 goats again. Also, Dauglas' daily DBS with the employees at meal time was starting to show some fruit. At the end of the month, we received a miracle that we had been praying for since March: a second vehicle! Dear friends felt led to bless us with it, and having it makes a really big difference in our daily family life and ministry.

In November, we got to see some beautiful fruit of our ministry so far. One boy Dauglas had connected with on the streets in Jinja asked to leave the street life and come to work on the farm. He has been there for some weeks

now and is getting used to a structured schedule, daily Bible reading and working as a team. On the farm, we experienced a huge loss when an insecticide meant to fight fleas killed all our chicken and lead to Douglas spending two days in the hospital. We ordered new chicks that would come mid-December and require lots of care, especially during the first one month. At this point, around ten to fifteen young people gathered almost daily for boxing training, which really confirms to us the demand and need for the boxing gym project mentioned above. Lastly, we are grateful that our girls got the chance to get to know and help out a little with the work of an NGO called Amani Baby Cottages in Jinja. They work with children whose parents have either died, abandoned them or are unable to take care of them for a variety of reasons.



The last month of the year began with some great news: Jadon's German passport was finally ready to be picked up at the German Embassy in Kampala. It was put to use right away when we found out that an urgent bureaucratic issue required Melanie and Jadon to go to Germany. Thanks to miraculous provision, they were able to travel quickly and surprise Melanie's family and friends. In the meantime, Jael and Joyce and the big girls got to



spend time at the farm with Douglas, enjoying the life with animals, gumboots, cooking on open fire and watching the stars at night. Midmonth, Douglas was able to pick the 300 new chicks, which he is going to raise until they are about five to six months old, before he sells them.

Looking back at our first year of serving and working in Uganda, we have so much to be thankful for. We have experienced the faithfulness of God in uncountable ways and are privileged to be part of His mission of serving and loving people. We have grown as individuals and as a family, through good times as well as through challenging ones. The amount of spiritual attacks against our family and vision has been intense, but God protected us and made a way for us to get through each of them. Looking ahead, we are very excited for what will happen in the coming year. We have many ideas, plans and projects on our hearts and can't wait to see what God will do!

From January 2026, we will be renting out the entire house we have been living in, and a dear German friend who volunteers with different ministries in Jinja, will come live with us. Also, the additional space will allow for more visitors, volunteers and children that need a home. We would love to be able to financially release one young man we have been discipling, so that he can take on increasing responsibility in ministering to the street children, especially when Douglas is not in Jinja. On the farm, we will focus on raising the new chicks and hopefully be able to purchase a piece of land offered to us right next to the farm. That would allow us to plan for the long-term vision by taking first steps towards a restaurant and swimming pool. We hope to soon be able to construct the boxing gym, equip it and be able to pay the boxing coach a monthly salary so that he can train people on a daily basis. Lastly, we hope to be able to travel to Germany as a whole family sometime in spring 2026. We would love to connect with family, friends, supporters and potential supporters, sharpen our vision together with Global Nomads and get a little time to rest and refocus.

Are you excited about what God is doing through our family and ministry? We invite you to join us and become part of this vision as well! If you are interested in becoming part of our prayer team, please reach out to us! Also, if you feel led to come and volunteer with us or organize a mission trip, please reach out to us as well! Lastly, we need your financial support to continue being able to do the work God has for us here in Uganda. We invite you to become part of our support team by giving a fixed monthly amount. The monthly contributions allow us to run the farm, provide for our family, serve the children and keep our home open to people. Alternatively, would you consider giving a special end-of-year one-time gift that covers some of the following current needs?

#### Travel costs for home visit to Germany

- Flight tickets for 5 Wanjalas: 3500-4000€
- Flight tickets Emily & Esther: 1500-2000€
- Emily & Esther passports: 300€
- Emily & Esther visa: 300€

#### Needs in Jinja/ at home

- Finish furnishing currently rented part of the house: 1200€
- Furnishing additional rooms in the house from January: 750€
- Additional rent from January (per month): 150€
- Allowance for "full-time" person responsible for street kids ministry (per month): 75€

#### Needs on the farm

- Build boxing gym hall: 750€
- Purchase boxing equipment (gloves, punchbags, protectors etc.): 400€
- Salary boxing coach (per month): 120€
- Purchase piece of land next to the farm: 10.000€

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Blessings to you,

The Wanjalas 😊

