

Dear family, friends and supporters!

Welcome to our Newsletter for the month of November! As we are approaching the completion of our *first year* of life and ministry in Uganda, we are amazed at what God has done so far. And he keeps opening more doors, connecting us to more people, allowing us to serve more intentionally... As a family, we are so grateful that we get to be part of His bigger plan of reaching the nations, bringing his children back home and serving his people. Just last week, we witnessed how God used one of our little children to confirm to a dear sister at church something she had been praying about. How wonderful that we all get to be in His mission together!

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.” – Ephesians 2:10

In November, we saw some beautiful fruit of the work Dauglas has been doing among the street children in Jinja. A 16-year-old boy called *Okecho* had built a really good relationship with him and was repeatedly asking Dauglas for a way to leave the street life. Okecho suggested to come to our farm in Busia and work there, which Dauglas agreed to. He first of all spent a few days at our home in Jinja, trying to catch up with some much-needed sleep after many years of living and sleeping



on the streets. We quickly realized he is a very intelligent, teachable and humble young man and before asking for anything else, he asked for a Bible. He enjoyed going to the church service with us and we had a meal out for lunch to celebrate him becoming part of the family. For some weeks, he has now been on the farm and is doing well, slowly adapting to

a life of routines and to working as a team. We are grateful we *get to disciple him* and we believe he will be a powerful leader for many others in the future. Please pray for him!

Besides Okecho, there is now quite a number of young people that come to the farm on a regular basis to join Dauglas and his coach for *boxing training*. As you might remember from our second last newsletter, we would love to set up a boxing gym on the farm property where young people can gather, work out, and spend their time learning a new skill. It is a great opportunity to disciple them, teach about the importance of having goals and install values like endurance and self-discipline. In order to further realize this project, we need funds to construct a simple training hall, buy more equipment (gloves, jumping ropes, protectors etc.) and most importantly to be able to pay the coach a monthly salary for coming to the farm daily. Do you feel led to *support this project* or share it with a friend? Feel free to do so or reach out to us 😊!



Due to an invasion of fleas on the farm, Douglas and the team had to spray all houses, as well as the chicken stable with pesticides. Unfortunately, the insecticide they were sold was apparently not safe, causing Douglas to spend two days in hospital and *all our chicken to die*. That was very sad and a big financial loss to us, as Douglas was preparing to sell off these chicken soon during Christmas season. Thanks to a financial gift, he was able to order for 300 new chicks already, which he will pick mid-December. Until then, the farm and stables will need to be deep-cleaned and well prepared with new feeders, charcoal stoves etc. After picking up the *new chicks*, Douglas and the team will have an intense month ahead of them, making sure they are taken care of day and night, vaccinating, feeding, and keeping them warm. Please pray for strength for the team, as well as for our family during that time.

At our home in Jinja, there was also a lot happening. Since the end of the last school term, Douglas' cousin Patience has been at our home and is going to spend her holidays with us for about two months. We love having her around and getting to pour into her life. Besides all the German bureaucracy for the baby needing to be worked on, Melanie was trying to implement some *new daily schedules and routines* for our family. That includes studying with the little ones in the morning and with the big girls in the afternoon, allocating chores more structurally, working out together before dinner or registering the children for weekly activities such as swimming class. The Sabbath continues to be one of our highlights of the week, with everyone being involved in the preparations and enjoying the quality time of rest as a family. We love having friends over for the *Sabbath* dinner and inspiring them to also set aside intentional time for rest and reconnection as a family.



Part of discipling our children is finding out more about what their *passions* are. That is why we were very grateful when they got to visit the Amani Baby Home in Jinja for a day to get to know the work they do. Some of them found it difficult to deal with children with various disabilities and health conditions; some loved it and want to go back on a regular basis to volunteer. Another precious person we get to disciple is *Benjamin*, whom you might remember from our second last newsletter. He is a very reliable, hardworking and humble young man who spends a lot of time at our home and often visits the street children together with Douglas. As Douglas is not always in Jinja, we would love to be able to set Benjamin free financially to take on a leadership role in ministering to those kids. Please pray with us for provision to be able to pay Benjamin a monthly salary, so that he can focus on that kind of work.

A few months ago, we felt led to inquire from our landlord how much it would cost to rent the *entire house* we live in. As some of you know, we have only been renting two thirds of the house due to our limited budget. As God continues bringing more and more children, young people and visitors into our care, we felt we needed to take a *step of faith*, trusting for His provision for the



whole house. Only few days after that, a dear German friend who serves as a volunteer in Jinja, felt that God was leading her to ask to stay with us from January. What a confirmation! Renting out the whole house will increase our monthly rent by about 30% and will require additional furniture and furnishings. Do you feel led to contribute to this or share this need with a friend? 😊

Speaking of needs, we would like to share with you a few other concrete points that currently need provision and would be a *great giving opportunity*. Since we are approaching the end of our first full year of ministry in Uganda, we need to plan for a home visit to Germany. We would like to continue sharing our vision, connect with supporters, friends and family, plan for the next steps together with Global Nomads and get some time to rest and refocus. We are thinking about traveling around February/ March/ April and since we need to raise the funds for all our flight tickets, we are looking at a sum of 3500-4000€ (only for the 5 of us) up to 5500€ (if Emily and Esther are able to join). Regarding the processing of Emily's and Esther's passports we are looking at about 300€. The additional rent from January will be 150€ per month and furnishing the additional rooms costs about 750€. An appropriate allowance for Benjamin's ministry to the street children would be 75€ monthly and the salary for the boxing coach around 120€ a month. Building a boxing gym on the farm requires an estimated 750€, plus 400€ in boxing equipment protectors. Lastly, the setup for 130€ and we are still looking for of land next to the farm that we million UGX (about 10.000€). If areas, we would be very grateful reach out if you have any needs with your family, friends or



farm requires an estimated 750€, such as gloves, punchbags, or the new chicks will take roughly the funds to purchase the piece have been offered at a price of 40 you feel led to give in any of these for your support! Feel free to questions and kindly share these church. Thank you!!

Are you excited about what God is doing in and through our family, on the farm and in Uganda? You're welcome to join our WhatsApp group, where we share weekly short updates, pictures and videos about our daily life and ministry: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/C14gmp9Cy77Jfv6PVf3Nck>. Also, would you like to contribute to this ministry financially? We are **currently at around 67%** of our monthly goal, which includes our home's expenses, the farm, employees' salaries, serving the street kids and all other kinds of ministry and activities. In order to continue our work here effectively, we need to get **fully funded as quickly as possible**, and you can become part of this by joining our monthly support team with a fixed amount. Please feel free to reach out for questions or more information, and share our vision with someone you think would love it! Our support goes through Global Nomads Germany (<https://germany.nomads.global/de/geldspende/>).

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We know that provision also includes faithful co-workers, so we are happy to announce that we are open to welcoming short- or long-term *volunteers* from this point onwards. Would you like to come and work with us for a week, a month or longer than that? Please contact us! 😊

Also, we are finally on Instagram! Make sure to follow us at @gloryflowug! 😊

Lastly, here are our specific *prayer requests* for the upcoming weeks:

- Safety during the election campaigns and presidential elections in January
- Provision for all needs mentioned above for ministry & family
- Reaching full funding for our monthly budget
- Strength for the coming season of raising new chicks
- Wisdom in raising our children and the many young people in our care

Thank you! Blessings, The Wanjalas 😊

