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Romans 15:18-21

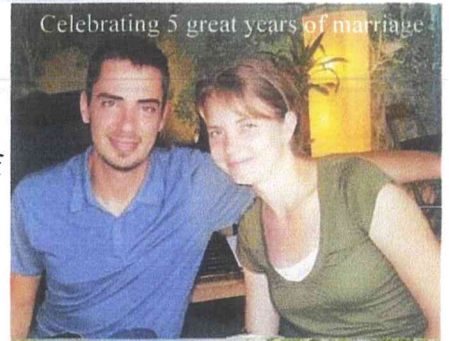
Hi, friends. It's amazing how time has flown by since our last newsletter (April). The longer we're here in Uganda, the more our lives seem like day-to-day living and less like news. But we do want to share with you some of the noteworthy events of these past four months. In retrospect, we see that we are continuing many of the things we spoke of in our last letter: getting settled in Ikland, learning language, building relationships, hosting visitors, and meeting new partners.

In July we had a wonderful visit from Terrill's sister, Laura. Between school terms, she was able to come over and spend three weeks with us. Having lived in Africa before, she fit in so well that we thought she might as well just stay! Overlapping with Laura's visit, six other friends spent a whole week with us. An exciting thing about this group is that they are all planning to come live in Karamoja long term. And last week we had a visit with representatives of another mission agency who are interested in joining us in ministering to the Ik.

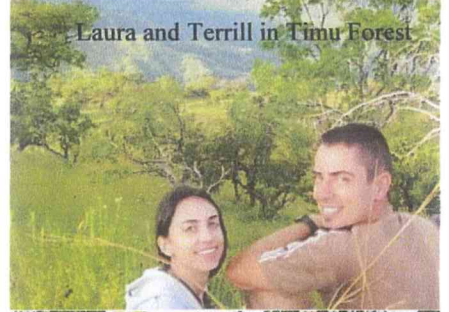
Having a mostly completed homestead in Ikland has allowed us to invest more time and energy in our Ik relationships. After the busyness of the summer, we are looking forward to really living daily life with our Ik neighbors. This may include working in their gardens with them, playing with kids, visiting their homes, or playing darts in the evening with a few Ik men. Experiencing life with the Ik and trying to be salt and light to them in the nitty-gritty is where our hearts lie.

Workwise, both of us are trying to buckle down in learning to speak the Ik language. It isn't a piece of cake, but we're progressing. Terrill is also amassing info on the grammar and vocabulary to support future translation. Amber continues her daily morning clinics and blesses many with her hospitality. In October we plan to be in Nairobi, Kenya for a workshop geared toward helping Terrill crack a difficult aspect of the language: the tone system. The practical question at hand is whether we need to put tone marks in the alphabet? Finally, just this week we worked with three Ik men to translate the scripture readings for the Sunday sermon. Though various scripture portions have been translated into Ik before, this was a first for us and them!

In closing, we'd like to ask you to pray for a very special person. His name is Jacob Lochul. He is the young pastor of the Ik church in our village. He gave his life to Jesus Christ in late November 2007 and was appointed the leader of the new church plant soon thereafter. Jacob is full of joy and is a gifted preacher and evangelist. He faces many challenges and needs our prayers for strength, faithfulness, and understanding. If Jacob was the only person to use the translated Ik scriptures, we would still gladly give our service to the project!



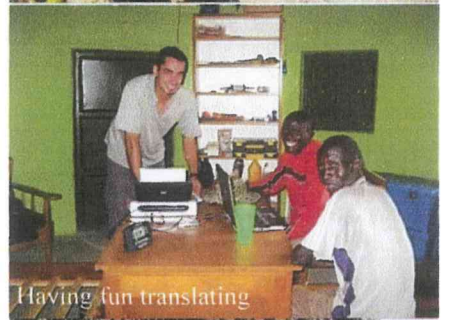
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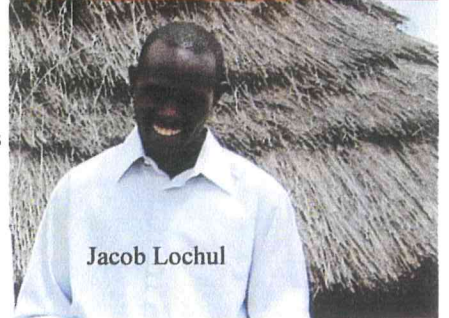
Laura and Terrill in Timu Forest



Munching on fresh corn



Having fun translating



Jacob Lochul

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