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# the STENSAAS family

## in Uganda

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The green states represent the states we have been in so far on our furlough. We have traveled through 37 states and Canada.

- Prayer Requests**
- Full recovery for Keila
  - This cycle of Ebola will be stopped
  - Bible translation work in Runyankore
  - Discipleship ministry
  - new church plant in Karusandara
  - faithfulness of leadership while on furlough
  - safety in travels
  - start of the mountain ministry upon return to Uganda
  - remaining money to build a multipurpose building
  - raise money for a 1x4 vehicle
- Thank you for praying for us.

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### New Testament Dedication

After ten years of hard work, we were able to witness the dedication service of the completed New Testament in Runyankore. While we were unable to attend, as we are still on furlough, it was such a blessing to watch the video and see the joy on the faces of the Runyankore speaking people to be able to have a copy of the New Testament in their hands. **What an accomplishment to finally have the New Testament translated and printed to give to those who only speak Runyankore!**

My sincere thanks to Dan Olachea and the team of translators and World View Ministries along with Ken Fielder, who headed up this project. If you would like to watch a 5 minute video of the dedication in Mbarara in April of this year you can go to our website at [www.mstensaasfamily.com](http://www.mstensaasfamily.com). **Please continue to pray for these men as they continue the work on the Old Testament.**



### Ebola!

For the past 11 months there has been an epidemic of Ebola in the Democratic Republic of Congo, which is our neighbor. The particular spot where this disease has been so deadly is at our border crossing of Bwera/Mpondwe. **In that time, there have been over 2,000 cases reported with over 1,600 deaths.**

It has been amazing that Uganda has done such a good job of preventing it from crossing the border into Uganda. Unfortunately in June, it finally found a way across - in the life of a little boy and his family. Three of them died in Uganda, thus bringing Ebola to Uganda again. Thankfully the health officials have contained those cases and those surrounding them, and there have been no new cases reported.

**Please pray for us as we return to Uganda soon that we will be safe from this disease which is so near, but also that we will be a comfort and help to those who have been affected by this terrible disease.**



### Keila's Stroke

The morning of June 21, Keila noticed her right arm feeling numb and was dizzy. She laid down to rest and allow to dizziness to subside, but when she sat up a few minutes later, she was feeling worse and said that the right side of her mouth felt numb. When she tried to stand, she fell not having any strength in her right leg. I took her to the emergency room where they confirmed she had a stroke. They started her on a treatment to thin her blood and reduce the swelling on her brain and then sent her to another hospital. The doctors concluded that high blood pressure was the cause. After 24 hours, she was moved out of ICU and after four days, she was released to go home.

Each day, it has been encouraging to see the progress made. She was able to go from taking steps with a walker to now walking part-time with a cane. Her speech and short term memory improved quickly. **She still struggles with fine motor skills like handwriting and quick movements with her right hand,** but we are thankful for the swift recovery the Lord has given her.

Thank you for the many phone calls, text messages, emails, and especially your prayers during this time.



### Our Furlough

We are anticipating our soon return to Uganda! This furlough has been long, but God has blessed us beyond our expectations. **We are planning to return to Uganda September 3.** Please pray the furlough will finish well, that we will obtain all the necessary supplies, and that our flights will be safe and all our luggage will also reach safely. Thank you for your prayers for us during this furlough.