

# The Siekbert Family

# Uganda East Africa



## **Sending Church:**

First Baptist Church of Milford 1367 Woodville Pike Milford, OH 45150

Church Phone: 513 575 1705 U.S. Cell Phone: 513 900 7234 Email: csiekbert@gmail.com

Josh. 1.8 – "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

# Special Thanks!

Thank you, pastors who helped our son, Charles pay for part of his plane ticket to Uganda to attend the ordination services. He helped us a lot. We thank Truth Baptist, Crossroad Baptist, and Faith Community Baptist for their gifts.

#### The Roof Is Awesome!

The Lord performed miraculous things to get this new church plant off the ground! God worked in the life of the pastor we ordained. He saw several people get saved and begin attending church under his leadership. When we arrived, we contracted the correct roofer almost immediately. He did a great job, especially with all those angles. We never saw so much wood and so many nails in our life. We began collecting materials on 22Jan2024 and finished putting on the last iron sheets and nails on 10Feb2024, less than three weeks. That is fast for Ugandans. There were enough funds to pay the labor team, put trusses, crossbeams, all the iron sheets, ceiling boards, pour cement for the ceilings, and help get some things to start this ministry. We praise God for our

donors. It was a huge win for the Lord in this community. It was an awesome moment as a missionary. Drawings finally became a building for their first services on 11Feb2024. We baptized five on our first day in the new building. It was thrilling. My mom planned to come had she lived. I know she, and especially the Lord, was pleased. In any case, a ministry is only as successful as those in its pews and the people who help you get where you are going. Well, the roof is on, and the church can hold services without too much rain or sunshine.

### The Preacher Is Installed!

The only word that comes to my mind is "success." So many are a part of this success. On 18Feb2024, we laid hands on Pastor Brian Nicholas Nyesiga to put him into the ministry. We questioned him in front of his congregation, held a service, and ordained him Pastor of Faith Independent Baptist Church in Mbulamuti, Uganda.

Our verse in Joshua 1.8 is the only place in the Bible that uses the word "success." I think that is important. I do not want to preach at you at this time. I just want to say as a friend, that Law living is not beating people up and telling them where they are wrong. It is a prescription that helps reduce attrition among our leaders. It is important in being successful. A right turn is usually a safe bet and you cannot go wrong by doing right. Maybe we should not leave the "law" and the "all" out of "success." I have had the distinct privilege to lay hands on two pastors of two separate ministries in two churches that we built together with nationals on the field. Few men of God ever get that blessing. Thank you for your prayers

and support in order to help us enjoy this fruit with you. I thank Pastor Edward Barclay again for coming to Uganda to be our guest speaker and help ordain Pastor Brian. He was very impressed with our men and I think that speaks for itself. We tried to treat our visitor well. The hotel near the church had a/c but the beds were more like bedrock. We took him for a boat ride on the Nile and saw the Source of the Nile. He appreciated the experience and knowledge about this treasure of Uganda. Before he left, we took him to stay at the Jinja Nile Resort. Its cabins overlook the river. My two boys and I had a great time with Pastor. I thank the other missionaries who came. It was an honour to have them take time from their ministries to be with us for this extraordinary event. Dennis, one of the men helping on the building, was led to the Lord on Ordination Sunday.

#### The Church Is Growing!

We were able to visit both churches. Our preachers are doing a wonderful job. Pastor Jackson brought a taxi full of young people from his church to the ordination service. They are excited, hungry listeners, amazed at what they saw in the Mbulamuti work. Bro. Mark, Treasurer at First Baptist of Mutungo, made the pulpit for Pastor Brian's new church. I was able to preach several times for both of the church plants while we were there. Most of the people in Pastor Brian's church are new to me. He has managed to gain his own following. Please pray for their direction and their needs to finish the building project! Better equipped with your prayers!

Missionaries. Charles & Madelon Siekbert & Kids 1 John 1