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I'm sitting here sipping coffee as I read over our calendar from the last 3 months. A LOT has been happening—it's been a blur filled with an abundance of God's blessings, provision, and protection.

After our last update the whirlwind of activity continued as we finalized preparations for our visit to the U.S. We took some time to say good 'see you later's' to our friends before we left, and that included visits, dinners, a yard sale, and lots of hugs. It was a refreshing period of fellowship as we spent quality time with some of our people. All of this was going on while ministry continued, including hosting visitors and friends right up to the very last day in Mbarara!

We hit U.S. soil groggy, but excited to see what God has for us these next few months. So far, we haven't been disappointed. We got busy catching up with friends & family and settling into our state-side apartment. For the kids this meant video games and hanging out doing whatever kids do on summer break. For Liz it has included sweet times of talking and visiting and a healthy amount of retail therapy. For me it has included a little of all that and then some. The first few weeks were filled with some amazing time with my dad 'tuning-up' his old van that we are borrowing. It was just like old times. I can't even tell you how awesome it has been to be blessed with this father-son time. The two of us were thrilled when we were finally finished! :-)

(The van has been a HUGE blessing. It is also tired and cranky. It is in a repair shop at the moment getting a new ECU hopefully next week. Pray that it can be fixed sooner than later and continues to get us where we need to go. God has provided friends that rescue us and others that let us borrow their car at a moment's notice. He even provided encouragement and prayer support from a couple that gave me a ride and asked for our prayer card!)

We wasted no time racking up the miles. We did some family trips with grandparents and the kids got to go to camp. Along the way, we have been spending time with churches and supporters.

We would LOVE to see every single supporter—below is a schedule of where we will be sharing or unofficially hanging out. (We have a couple of Sundays open still if you want us to come share...) If you are near us, come say "Hi!" If you want to get together during the week sometime, we are pretty flexible. We are doing school at home, so the kids would consider getting out a field trip. :-) If that doesn't work out, we can chat over the phone. (WhatsApp video or Signal works great for us. Just send us an email!)

Please, continue to pray for us...

--For safety while traveling.

--For continued health – Physically, mentally, & spiritually.

--For wisdom in scheduling time with everyone, school, meetings, rest, etc.

--For our support levels - we are currently 92% supported and we need to be at 100% to be cleared to return to Uganda in January.