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When we read the Bible there are many scriptures about wells. Water was as important then as it is now, but in Bible times it was much harder to get. Today we have drilling rigs that bore down for hundreds of feet, and within a week or so we can have pure, clean, fresh water delivered to our kitchens, bathrooms, showers, gardens, barns, shops, farms, or pretty much wherever we want the water delivered. Case in point: Thanks to our well drilling friend Robert Buckner, the well on the Lundy Farm is 530 feet deep. It serves two residences, a barn, waters livestock in the winter, and waters the garden in the summer. Unless there is a power outage or a pump problem, we always have clean water.



One of the residences served by our well is our house; the other is the modular home next door where Pam's parents lived. Her dad passed away years ago, but Pam's mother, Mary, just left us to go to the Lord last October. Mary was a great Mother to Pam, a wonderful Grandma to our kids, a special GG (Great Grandma) to

our grandkids, and a blessing of a Mother-in-law to me. During the last years of her life she and I had coffee together nearly every day. We would visit and really enjoy each other's company. She would always serve me cookies, and in the last year or so served them apologizing that they were "store-bought" instead of the great cookies she used to bake. Interestingly, each time I would go up the steps to her house the Lord reminded me that each visit was a gift, and that the day would come when our visits would end. That day did come, and I still miss our daily coffee time together; I always will.

In May we spent 3 weeks doing medical work and construction. One purpose of the construction was to teach the local guys how to put together the metal buildings that we purchase. By the time we left, they had the third building up and together in a perfect way. THAT is exciting. It is also exciting to know that the contacts we have made with hospitals are really helping our K & K people. After spending the better part of a year working with the Benedictine Eye Hospital (BEH), we now have a legal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to work with them in Uganda. KMI leaves them finances, Pastor Chemonges take them patients, and BEH treats them! As of this writing we have had six of our most need eye referrals taken care of by BEH. One was an elderly woman, Florence, who had cataract surgery on both of her eyes. She is VERY excited to now be able to see. Another is a young boy who is blind in one eye---temporarily we think---who has been treated for his vision malady. I will check on his improvement when I get there. Three others are patients needing cataract surgery, and one is a young school-boy just needing corrective lenses. Praise the Lord that He is opening such doors to us.

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Next week I will step on a plane and head back to Uganda. Two good friends, Dan Parks, and Larry Andrews, will be going with me. We will each be teaching at SPC4: Sipi Pastor's Conference 4. This is the fifth year in a row that KMI has sponsored a pastor's conference. The first year we met in Kapchorwa, but after that decided to focus more on the pastors down at K & K, so we moved locations to Sipi Resort. (Look it up on the web; Sipi Resort, not Sipi River Resort.) Each of us has a specialty area of instruction. Dan will be teaching on the Book of Titus, Larry will be teaching on Christian Leadership and the fruits of the Spirit, and I will be teaching on Creationism. We are all VERY excited about the trip and what the Lord has in store for us: both to teach to the guys, and to learn from them. The conference runs from Monday, August 8, through Friday, August 12. Please keep us all in your most fervent prayers as we finalize our plans, pack our bags--and bags for several other ministries that we are taking--and make the grueling 30 hour journey from Redmond to Uganda.



I have to confess that one other thing will take place before the conference, which is VERY exciting to me. The first Sunday we are there, prior to the start of the conference, we will drive down from Sipi to K & K for church. It takes about an hour and a half to get there, and then we will be there for a four-hour service. I am excited about attending the church service and seeing many of the friends I have made over the years. But even more, I am excited about something else. After the service I will take a short hike with Dan, Larry, and many people from the church. We will walk about 150 meters---sorry, I am used to metric now---to the new well that was recently put in. We actually put in two wells, two very wonderfully functioning wells, and we will surely visit both of them. But seeing the first well visit will be very emotional for me--I can't even write about it now without sobbing. You see, it is called "Mary's Borehole," which we would call "Mary's Well."

Pam's mother, Mary, left some money behind when she passed away, and she wanted some of it to be used to fund something positive and life-changing: she wanted it to put in a well for the people of K & K. So, we left Pastor Chemonges Mike the funds for the project, and the well was put in earlier this month. It is only fitting that we take time to dedicate the well, as the Lord would have it, to the children of Amazing Grace Primary School, in honor of Pam's Mom. I don't know exactly what I am going to say at that time, but I do know that it will honor Mary for lovingly funding the well, Pam for making certain that the well was actually put in, and the Lord our God for bringing the people of Uganda together with the people here in the U.S., so that His name will once again be associated with Living Water, this time, from Mary's Well.

Serving Him,

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