



ROSE KIRBY, EAST & CENTRAL AFRICA

# Along the Way

## Dear friends and family,

Thank you for all your prayers and encouragement during my transition to *Child Evangelism Fellowship*® International Headquarters! You have been such a blessing to me through this time!

God graciously used the work I did in digital ministry in East & Central Africa. National Director Francis emailed me to share how God is using *CEF*® videos in South Sudan. One of his workers, Godfrey, reached 700 children in December through showing them videos on *U-Nite TV*®, and 230 children believed in Jesus!

At the end of February, I traveled to Uganda to say goodbye. During a layover, I ate at an airport restaurant. When I came in, it looked like the server was praying for a woman at the counter. He shared that when he asked why she was traveling, she said was visiting her dying sister one last time. "It seemed like you really encouraged her," I told him. "Working at an airport," he said, "you never know what you're going to hear from people or what they're going through!" Then he asked why I was traveling. He about fell over at my answer. "Yeah," I laughed, "today's your day for weird stories." He was very interested in my ministry and asked more about *CEF*. I gave him a *U-Nite*® card, and he excitedly said he would check it out!

In Uganda, my coworkers and my church encouraged me and prayed for me.

My coworker Amos also reminded me of a neat way God worked. Even before I moved to Uganda, any time someone from the International Headquarters called me, they would make a point to pray for me. I emulated that when I was the member care director for our team. During member care calls, I prayed for my teammate over the phone. Amos really liked that idea. Along with being a *CEF* local director, he is also a pastor. Now, whenever he makes pastoral calls, he takes time to pray for the person he is calling.

By God's grace, I was able to bring my cat, Nala, with me to the U.S. He was a trooper with the long flight and is settling in well. The name Nala means gift, and I'm so thankful that God gave Nala to me as such a tangible reminder of His grace.

After returning from Uganda, I handed coordinating digital ministry in East & Central Africa over to Yordanos. She is from Ethiopia and was the media director there. The media team in Ethiopia is skilled with technology and has created wonderful videos. Yordanos's experience managing people and digital projects will serve her well as she leads digital ministry in the region.



*Saying bye to my neighbor and some of the Children in Uganda, and Nala enjoying life in America.*



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# Child Evangelism Fellowship

*Child Evangelism Fellowship* is a Bible-centered organization that does ministry all over the world and is continually expanding. The purpose of *CEF* is to evangelize boys and girls, to disciple them in the Word of God, and to establish them in a local church. Our main ministries are children's Bible clubs. A *Good News Club*® meets once a week, usually during the school year. A *5-Day Club*® is held during breaks and meets for five consecutive days. *CEF* also trains and equips teachers to share the Gospel, lead children to Christ, and guide saved children to grow in their faith.

Other digital ministry teams in the region are looking forward to learning from Yordanos. Please join me in praying for her as she carries on this work!

In March, I started as a curriculum specialist at International Headquarters. It's been a great experience so far. I'm helping with various projects, including Teach Kids articles, notes and visuals for trainings, and U-Nite scripts.

I've especially enjoyed working on scripts for an upcoming video series on the seven "I am" statements of Christ. One day we were working on "I am the Door." It was simple to explain to unsaved children that Jesus is the way they enter salvation, but we were trying to decide the best way to explain what it means for children who already believe in Jesus. We discussed how it shows God's protection, but we know that God still does allow bad things to happen in our lives. No matter what happens, though, He keeps us in His family, and nothing can ever take us away from Him.

That night, I read Zachariah 2:5, in which God says He will be a wall of fire around His people. After spending all day thinking about Jesus being the Door, the image of God as a wall around us came alive to me. I had to message Jenna, our main writer for the scripts, because I was so amazed by the connection I had never thought of before! I love it when I learn from what I'm preparing for the kids!

## Prayer and Praise:

- ❖ Pray for my friends and coworkers in Uganda.
- ❖ Pray for Yordanos coordinating digital ministry in East and Central Africa.
- ❖ Pray that God will continue to use digital ministry.
- ❖ Pray for the articles we write and the training notes and visuals we format.
- ❖ Pray for the new scripts we write.
- ❖ Praise God for how He is using digital ministry.
- ❖ Thank God for travel mercies for me and Nala.
- ❖ Thank God for providing Yordanos to take my place as digital ministry coordinator.
- ❖ Praise Jesus for being the Door.
- ❖ Praise God for the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord!

## Events:

- February 15–24: Farwell trip to Uganda
- February 25–27: Handed things over to Yordanos
- March 2: Began as curriculum specialist
- May 13–15: International Headquarters conference
- June 7–12: Missouri Christian Youth In Action®



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