"Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; And let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."
1 Chronicles 16:31

It would be really hard to put into 1 blog post all that the Lord did during our trip to Uganda. As we lay here and think about our trip, 2 words keep coming to mind, humbled and grateful.

We had an amazing time at the Calvary Chapel East Africa Sr. Pastors & Wives conference that was held in Jinja. I know it's cliche, but so often you go on these mission trips to minister to others, you end up being the one ministered to and God does such a deep work in your heart. We met so many wonderful couples who encouraged us.

1 couple in particular was Abdul and Lydia. They are living in a refugee camp in Northern Uganda ministering to the South Sudanese refugees. Their faithfulness to keep "putting the hand to the plow" even in the midst of a very hard situation was encouraging. What an example!

We will never forget the conversations we had as we broke bread and enjoyed the fellowship with our bothers and sisters in Christ.

After the conference we packed up and headed to Naluko in the Iganga district. Village life! We had heard many stories of the village and we were excited to actually experience it.

The village was epic! From the staff at the Hearts for Africa guest house to all the friends we met who attend Calvary Chapel Naluko, these brothers and sisters exemplified what it looks like to have the JOY OF THE LORD! We made many friends who I believe will be life long friends.

Some of the activities that we did during our time in Naluko…
- Attended Calvary Chapel Naluko Sunday Morning
- Joined Pastor Majok, his wife Laura, Pastor Gary, Carol, Pastor James, Lydia, Susan and Johnson as we dropped off the 3 girls (Rose, Naka & Joy) and the 3 boys (Eddie, Jr. & Mattia) at boarding school.
- Visited Pastor James (Elderly retired Pastor in the village) at his home. I shared a devotional and the Gospel. Many gave their lives to Christ. The Heir to Pastor James's inheritance was one who gave his life to Christ! Praise the Lord! We were able to pass out beans and flour to all who attended.
- Sarah joined Carol and Laura for the woman's bible study.
- Toured the Hearts 4 Africa Hospital and prayed for the patients.
- I taught Wednesday night at Calvary Chapel Naluko! What a blessing!
- Visited two families whose daughters were born with deformities in their legs. Both are curable with surgery. We are hopeful that the Lord will provide the money for these precious little girls to have surgery that will change their lives forever! We were able to pray with the families, share the gospel and provide some food for them.

Each event was packed with details and praise reports! And in between those events were friendships being made, meals enjoyed with one another, laughing, praying, praising, birthday parties, a bon fire and bible studies!

We are humbled and grateful that the Lord allowed us to take part in His kingdom work in Uganda these past 2 weeks. To God be the glory! Amen & Amen.