

Lomilo Prayer Letter: December 2016

“Raindrops on Roses, and Whiskers on Kittens, Bright Copper Kettles and Warm Woolen Mittens,... Silver White Winters that Melt into Spring, these are a few of my favorite things!...” Waffle and I have many favorite things that God has been blessing us with, and I was remembering them over this Thanksgiving holiday. Looking back in our history, I arrived in Uganda in 1992, fresh from Bible College, excited for the new adventure of ministry in Africa! Language learning, cultural adaptation, meeting new people and developing unique cross-cultural relationships was amazing. Waffle had many wonderful, fruitful years ministering to young people through his Christian Adventure Ministries. Now, it’s been great to see how he has immersed himself in our African communities here and poured himself into people’s lives. Over the years, God has been able to find ways to use us to draw many people to Himself, with thousands of new believers over the years, and hundreds in discipleship groups now. We praise God for using people like you to come along side us in prayer and support, to enable us to establish ways to bring improved livestock health, higher incomes and more sustainable livelihoods to the communities where we have been working: breaking through the bonds of poverty to bring hope and wholeness to many families. Implementing these activities with our indigenous ministry, CLIDE, we have found deep companionship and fellowship, and seen the fruit of God’s spirit work in and through all of us.



Well, things are changing, it’s a “Melt into Spring” time, so we wanted you to be aware of the process that we are going through and the transformation that is ahead of us. It has become clear that it is time to move out from under the wings of Christian Veterinary Mission (CVM). We will still be collaborating with and supporting CLIDE in our same ministries and activities, but Waffle and I hope to be concentrating more on the spiritual aspects of ministry, and not so much on the veterinary or community development side. We will be joining a new mission organisation but remain ministering in our villages in Uganda. CLIDE has gone through an excellent period of growth and development, and is now ready to be emancipated from our day to day presence and oversight. Waffle and I will still live in Karamoja and serve in the villages with CLIDE, but more as close partners rather than being part of the team. We want to encourage all of you to continue your funding of the CLIDE ministries, and even increase during this time of transition, to encourage them! CVM will be receiving and distributing funds for CLIDE and for all of our special projects (Peace ministries, Timothy Education Sponsorships, Livestock Revolving Loans and CLIDE Construction) until June 2017. Click here to donate to any of those Special Projects: <https://donate.cvmusa.org/SPS2104> Click here to donate to CLIDE www.cvmusa.org/CLIDE . After June 2017, we hope to have developed an alternative funding stream for them, so that they can be an independent organisation, and not under an international body. We believe this is the best option for them and that it will help them to grow even more. They will still need your donations, but we will have you send them through an alternative conduit.

Waffle and I will finalize here with CVM and will be coming back to the states for furlough sometime around April. At that time, we hope to have settled on a new mission organisation to work with. There are several that we are looking at, that are excited to work with us, so that has been very encouraging. In the meantime, your donations should be redirected to Good Shepherd Community Church, as CVM is phasing out our accounts at the end of the year. Your support can be sent to the following address, or you can give on line through good Shepherd at: ----- . This change includes any funds you give to AfricaVet deputation account, or our AfricaVet Special Project.

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You can call Good Shepherd at (503) 663-5050 to get information on how to set up your on line monthly giving or credit card giving.

We will be sending out month prayer letters in the meantime, to keep you updated. We are trying to get the "Mail Chimp" to help us, but so far, it has been challenging to set up! If any of you are knowledgeable at using that service, I'd love some advice. Send me a note and we can talk chimp!

As we part from CVM, we have many fond memories of our interactions with the CVM staff members as well, and we will miss them. Dr. Fred VanGorkom, our Africa Director, has written a nice farewell message to us and to you, our friends and family members:

"Dr. Val and Waffle Lomilo have served with Christian Veterinary Mission for 21 years. We celebrate how the Lord has used them to challenge and inspire others to missions, to develop a national NGO (CLIDE), to promote peace and spiritual growth among the Karamojong and others in NE Uganda. We appreciate their ministries in evangelism and discipleship, ethno-veterinary research and development, in livestock health training as well as establishing educational sponsorships for scores of orphans and needy children.

By this letter we wish to announce a new beginning! As of December 31, 2016, the Lomilos will no longer be serving through CVM, but will be continuing their various ministries with CLIDE through a new platform. You may expect to be hearing from them further about this soon. We pray as the Lord directs, that you may continue to support them financially as they join their new organisation, as well as by prayer and mutual encouragement. Thank you for your faithful and generous partnership with them all these years. May the Lord bless you and guide you as we go forward seeking first His Kingdom!

Fred Van Gorkom, CVM Regional Director, Africa"

Please keep praying for us as we work through this transition time. Waffle is briefly in the states now, doing some health check-ups, so you may be able to get him on the phone: (719) 203-0768. You can also call, email, Facebook or What's App us here in Uganda. Waffle is wafflecrm@aol.com, Val is africavet@yahoo.com. My phone number here in Uganda is +256 782 65 8151. Call me or Skype me! Thanks so much for your support, and for the encouragement that many of you have already been giving us. We love you all and appreciate your kindness and love.

Waffle and I look forward to sharing more with you next month, as we settle on our vision for this new phase of our ministries together. We do remember fondly our favorite things, and praise God for the years that we have spent with CVM.

May the NEW ADVENTURE BEGIN!!!

Yours in the loving, able hands of God, the Almighty,

Waffle and Dr. Val

