



This month Metro Hope was invited to fill in for Pastor Bob at Pilot Knob Lutheran Church in Forest City, Iowa. Graduates Edwin and Candy joined me, Cammy, and my husband Dan for an early morning trip to the rural Iowa church. This was an exciting first time visit for all of us because this church has been supporting Metro Hope for many decades! A fun surprise was that half of the church knew who Metro Hope is!

Candy shared her powerful story of how she had lost

her 5 children due to her addiction, no longer legally allowed to have children in her care. She found out she was pregnant and wanted a different story for this baby so she came to Metro Hope. When baby Malachi was born, fear set in because Child Protection was on their way. The staff prayed with Candy, reassuring her that everything would be ok. Child Protection talked with Candy's case coordinator and saw her room all set up for baby. They commended her on how hard she was working, telling her that they saw no reason to remove the baby, they would just watch. Last November, by the grace of God, the case was closed. God restores families at Metro Hope! Today Candy works full-time, providing a home for herself and Malachi. She is an excellent mother which is evident in this sweet, little boy. "Metro Hope gave me a second chance when I had no hope. I am so grateful for what the Lord has done!"



Edwin shared, "I have been clean and sober for 4 years, and grateful for a big testimony! I don't have a jail story or a recovery story, I have a God story! Edwin grew up in a good home with both parents but starting selling drugs at a young age. He found himself surrounded by monsters who did unthinkable things to him. "It broke me. I became obsessed with destroying them. It wasn't until I had nothing and no one left, that I decided it was time, and I got out of that world alive. I bounced around treatments for about a year until I got to Metro Hope. When I got to Metro Hope, it felt right and I felt safe for once. They didn't exploit me like

other centers, they just wanted the best for me. Once I accepted God into my life, and the Salvation bought by the blood of Jesus Christ, I became strong in understanding. "Today, I experience the joy of the Lord in every part of my life. The most important thing I can say about my life right now is 'I like me today', and I've spent a lot of years not being able to say that."

Watch Candy and Edwin's full testimonies at the link below:

<https://youtu.be/qseBzfTur4c?si=oz7ktKCVeWh995JV>

To Pilot Knob Lutheran Church, thank you for your warm welcome, your prayers and financial support for God's Mission Field at Metro Hope! We were blessed to be with you! Thank you for the quilts and

cookies too :) The God Stories of Edwin and Candy would not be what they are without you! You have provided the prayer and financial support that allows Metro Hope to provide Christ-centered recovery in every area of our resident's lives and in their families. You have not only changed their lives today, but more importantly, for eternity. Thank you for "storing up your treasures in heaven"! Matt 6:19-21 May God bless you abundantly with His love, peace, and joy!

Cammy Oren, Board President
Metro Hope Ministries

Graduation Celebrations

First Thursday of every month, 6pm.

All are welcome!

Metro Hope Ministries 2739 Cedar Ave South Minneapolis, MN 55407

Bring your friends and family to experience
the Spirit of God at Metro Hope!

Dessert is included :)

Join Metro Hope Ministries for our Christmas Concert with Fernando Ortega celebrating the Birth of our Savior Jesus Christ!

Friday, December 15, 2023, 7pm

North Heights Lutheran Church, Arden Hills

Tickets available at

www.metrohope.org/events<[https://metrohope.us20.list-manage.com/track/click?](https://metrohope.us20.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ef188adc0d789571ff6a51320&id=cc9e24cb4b&e=d39265bb11)

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Bring your friends and family for a special night of music along with
a time to sing Christmas songs together as we Praise God for
sending us His Son!



Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, Dec 16, 9am

Invite your friends and family for free pancakes and God Stories from our
graduates!

Metro Hope Ministries, 2739 Cedar Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55407
no registration necessary

I would like to thank everyone who remembered my birthday with cards and gifts, they are so appreciated. Also, expressions of appreciation as your pastor and shepherd. Your continued support keeps us united as a family in the Lord as we seek to do His work. Thank you for your generosity. Pr. Bob

Meet Philip!



Our Sunday School classes have recently decided to sponsor a child in need through Compassion International. We wanted to do something that would make a difference, yet be something all of the youth (and adults) in the church could be a part of. This sponsorship will provide our sponsored child, Philip, an education, proper health care, supplemental nutrition, and loving adult care, all through a Biblical perspective. We look forward to provide Philip with hope and encouragement through prayers and letter writing! Our hope is that you will help us support Philip in his daily walk with God, and well as making sure his daily needs are met! Thank you in advance for your support!

About Philip...

- ❑ Birthday: May 18, 2013
- ❑ Age: 10
- ❑ Home: Uganda, Africa
- ❑ School: 6th Grade
- ❑ Family Duties: buying or selling in the market, carrying water, cleaning, gardening, and farming
- ❑ Hobbies: ball games, listening to Bible Stories, and field trips/excursions
- ❑ Guardian: Grandfather
- ❑ Language: English

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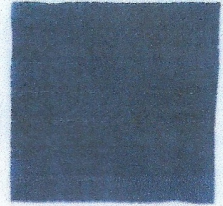
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My First Letter to My Sponsor!

I am so happy to be able to write to you and share about my life – and to learn about you! I know that our relationship is going to grow, and I can't wait to hear from you. *Thank you for being my sponsor!*

Uganda



1 My community is (circle one):



In a village

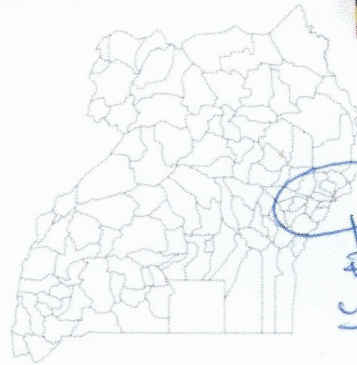


In a town



In a city

2 I live here:



Eastern Uganda.

3 There are 5 people I live with. They are:

Name

Relation

Ibrahim	Grand Father
Salim	uncle
Latif	uncle
Esther	Auntie
Sarah	Auntie

Individual writing, if not the child: Selina, Abdy

Translation

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When I grow up I want to be:

A Pilot who flies
pasengers from one
country to another
country.

(PILoT)

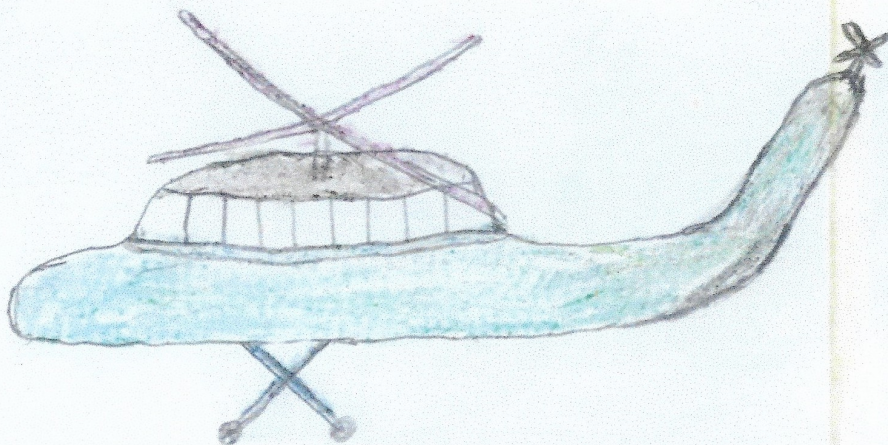
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A question I have for you, my sponsor:

I want know your name,
Your family members,
the name of your country,
I want know your likes,
And I want know when you
will visit me in Uganda.

6

I made this drawing for you:



Translation

Take a moment to write back today!

December Sermons/Scriptures

★ December 3, 2023

First Sunday in Advent

Morning Worship Service and Holy Communion

Sermon: Help! We're Helpless

OT Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel Lesson: Mark 13:24-37

★ December 10, 2023

Second Sunday in Advent

Morning Worship Service

Sermon: Prepare!

OT Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11

Epistle Lesson: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:1-8

★ December 17, 2023

Third Sunday in Advent

Morning Worship Service

Sermon: The Living Word

OT Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Epistle Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel Lesson: John 1:6-8, 19-28

★ December 24, 2023

Christmas Eve

Morning Worship Service

Sermon: God's Promise

OT Lesson: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Epistle Lesson: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel Lesson: Luke 1:26-38

★ December 31, 2023

Last Sunday of the Church Year

Morning Worship Service

OT Lesson: Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3

Epistle Lesson: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:22-40



DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS

3

10

17

24

31

Communion:	Greg				
Reader:	Cathy	Sue	Matt	Tony	Sherry
Greeters	Steve/Jan	Michelle/Marty	Matt/Diane	Joel/Bert	Betty/Vickie
Ushers	Jesse/Levi.....				
Sound	Devon	Don	Greg	Steve	Don
Computer	Dave	Rachel	Donna	Dave	Rachel
Acolyte	McKenna	Sophia	Clara	Cooper	Zade
Custodians		Elsie	Bobbi/Don	Marty/Emily	
Pianist	Sheryl	Marcia	Val	Sheryl	Val

If you find that you have been scheduled for a ministry time that you are unable to serve, please find a replacement and let pastor know. Thank you!

DECEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3 Communion Sunday Greeters: Steve/Jan Reader: Cathy Acolyte: McKenna	4 Bday: Naomi Pederson	5	6 Confirmation 3:45pm Bday: Shiloh Smith	7 Bday: Sue Reese	8	9
10 Greeters: Shelly/Marty Reader: Sue Acolyte: Sophia GriefShare 2pm	11	12 Deacons 5:45pm Council 6:30pm	13 Confirmation 3:45pm	14 Quilting 10am	15	16
17 Greeters: Matt/Diane Reader: Matt Acolyte: Clara	18	19 Women's Bible Study 2pm	20 Confirmation 3:45pm Bday: Dane Reese	21	22	23
24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service- 9am Greeters: Joel/Bert Reader: Tony Acolyte: Cooper	25 Christmas Day Bday: Randy Hanna	26	27	28	29	30 Bday: Bernal Hanna
31 New Year's Eve Greeters: Betty/Vickie Reader: Sherry Acolyte: Zade						