



writing to you from Wauna, Washington

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## For Sale

### 1994 Grand Marquis

- ~140,000 miles I think
- Odometer doesn't work
- Tripmeter doesn't work
- Eats ~ 1 quart of oil per tank of gas
- Severe oil leak under car
- Blue exhaust is just oil leaking inside the engine block
- Power steering fluid leak
- Rear tie-rod for sway-arm broken
- Loose Pitman arm connection—lots of play in the steering wheel
- Rear passenger power door lock broken
- Rear driver manual door lock broken
- Front edge of driver's seat bolt points are broken—driver's seat rocks
- Dash clock doesn't work
- Speedometer off by ~5mph
- Check engine light is on
- Windshield wiper switch only occasionally works on intermittent
- Passenger side front strut needs replacing
- Burning smell from rear axle is probably just a bad axle bearing
- BUT... The car is blessed - it safely delivered your missionaries to speaking engagements in Indiana, Tennessee, Missouri, Kentucky, Iowa, Nebraska, Idaho, and Washington with zero breakdowns

## We are Approved for Departure!

With great joy we are happy to announce that LCMS World Mission has approved us for departure to the Ugandan mission field! LCMS World Mission required us to have 70% of our first year's funding in place before we could be approved to purchase our plane tickets for Uganda and we have now passed that important mark. Our one-way tickets are now being purchased for departure on January 4th, 2009. We continue to pray in thanksgiving for all that God has done through His church to bring us this far and we thank you - you through whom God has raised up the financial support necessary to bring us to the Ugandan mission field.

We have also received word from Kampala (see below: *Gillards Arrive in Uganda*) that the Gillards have arranged for housing in a secure compound in southern Kampala. Since our missionary work will frequently take us up-country into the bush, it is important that our homes have a little extra security - especially if Jake and I are traveling to a Mission Training Center and Krista, Michelle, and the girls are remaining in Kam-



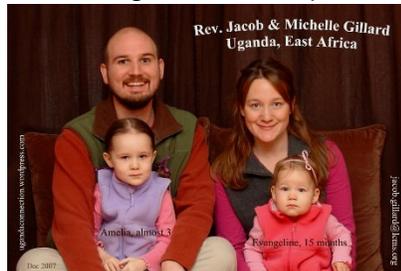
*Krista & Shauen Trump: Uganda-bound!*

pala. Praise the Lord that the compound where Jake and Michelle have found a home to rent has several other vacancies - one of which they are currently negotiating to obtain for us! Although we had hoped to stay with someone when we arrived and take some time finding suitable secure housing, the opportunity to live across the street from Jake and Michelle in a safe neighborhood is too good to pass up. Praise the Lord that we have plane tickets AND housing in Uganda already in place!

## Gillards Arrive in Uganda

Shauen's vicarage (internship) supervisor and his family have arrived in Kampala and are already settling in to life on the mission field. Reverend Jacob and Michelle Gillard and their two girls arrived in Uganda the first week of November. The girls were surprised to find a monkey lived in the empty lot next door and it even tried to

come and take a nap with one of the girls! Amelia captured his family have arrived in Kampala and are already settling in to life on the mission field. Reverend Jacob and Michelle Gillard and their two girls arrived in Uganda the first week of November. The girls were surprised to find a monkey lived in the empty lot next door and it even tried to



her daddy, "Uganda is beautiful!" The family received a wonderful and warm welcome from the officers of the LCMU who are excited about their new missionary. Despite a rocky start, the Gillards remain excited and optimistic about the opportunities God is opening up in Uganda. Praise God for the Gillard's safe arrival on the African mission field!

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## Prayer Requests

- That God would continue to open the hearts of his people who hear of our assignment so that we may form new friendship and partnerships
- For peace as we begin final preparations for departure and get more anxious

## In Praise

- That our car delivered us safely to Washington
- That God has raised up the funds necessary to provide for our first year on the field
- For approval to depart for the field and secure housing waiting for us in Kampala



## Happy Thanksgiving & Merry Christmas!

The Holidays this year are proving to be bitter-sweet as we are reminded of how different our life will be in Uganda. It's not likely we'll be celebrating our next Thanksgiving with turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green-bean casserole, sweet potato casserole, homemade pickles, pumpkin pie with whipped cream, pecan pie, and huckleberry pie. In fact, since Thanksgiving is an American holiday we likely won't see any sign of it in Uganda except in our own home or across the street at the Gillard's.



*Finding the Perfect Christmas Tree*

Christmas preparations here in Wauna have also reminded us of these traditions that may manifest very differently in Uganda. We probably won't be hanging Christmas lights all over the house - electricity is too scarce to light up the night with ornamental lights. Krista enjoyed her first trip to a Christmas tree farm where we searched for the better part of an hour to find the per-

fect Christmas tree. I predict we'll be hard-pressed to cut our own tree on a tree farm next year. If we do have a tree, we'll be decorating not with delicate glass balls but with strung popcorn and colorfully frosted sugar cookies. Holiday shopping next year won't involve brisk walks in the cold winter air down bough-strewn streets of the outdoor mall where every open door hosts a cascade of warmth, Christmas music, and the sounds of credit cards swiping through readers.

Instead I think Thanksgiving and Christmas will be reduced to their cores and rebuilt with the flavors of a

new culture. Thanksgiving may not be turkey but it will still be a celebration of the bounty God bestows upon us, perhaps with plantain bananas and chicken. Christmas may not be Christmas lights and a fresh-cut tree but it will still be a celebration of that amazing gift that came to us —Immanuel— complete with family and friends, Christmas carols, and joy.

## Getting There from Here

There's a lot to do to get there from here. We have safely arrived in Washington state after a long journey through the middle of America. Although we left most of our belongings securely packed away for long-term storage at Krista's parent's home, we still somehow managed to have a severely overloaded car full of

stuff that we brought all the way from Nebraska to Washington. We now have to pare that down to just a few suitcases for Uganda. Every time we scratch something off our to-do list we seem to add another line. We're working on establishing permanent residency in Washington state, getting a full year's



*Our Overloaded Car in Oregon*

supply of our malaria medicine from the pharmacy, getting our final vaccinations, selling a few more of our belongings, finishing up our optometrist and dentist appointments, and rebuilding thetrumps.org to allow easier maintenance from Uganda. Meanwhile we continue to speak and share this story of God's work in Uganda with congregations on the West Coast. January 4th is quickly approaching and it seems like there's a lot to do to get there from here.