

Dear Friends

Since 2020, you have seen the name Tom Sterk pop up in newsletters. He was “the cattle guy” for the Kibbuse Family. Early Sunday morning, Tom joined the Heavenly Choir for his best Lord’s Day EVER! His pain and struggles, from the cancer and an aging body, are gone, but for Tom, it was the pain of missing his wife that hurt the most.

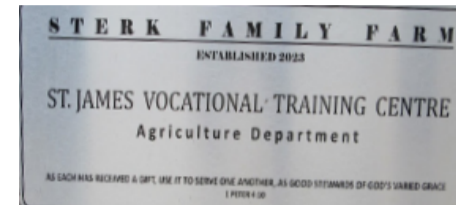
Thank you, Lord, for taking our Brother to be with you in Paradise!

Tom’s Ugandan Story

In 2020 Tom went to Uganda for the first time. He was so excited to go, with his daughter Nikki, and work with the local farmers. Cattle work was his passion, and he was going to the other side of the world, to share that passion. We were not there long, and Tom’s big heart went into action. Tom also brought, with help from a friend, at least 100 T-shirts, and other clothing. Click on the link below to see how happy these boys were to receive this gift. Pay close attention to the words of the song, Tom has gone to see the King! [We are going to see the King](#)



In June of 2023, Tom was on a slightly different mission. This trip included a gift, once again, from Tom and his network of family and friends. This gift was two high-quality, pregnant, heifers with the idea to create a program, teaching the students a way of farming that will change their lives and the lives of their families. They will be able to take this training and go out, like ripples on a pond, to use and teach throughout Uganda. Along with the cows, they also gifted the school with a new cattle shed.



December 11, 2023 Tom, along with a few friends, took off for what would be Tom’s final visit to Uganda. There was concern that his health and strength would be a problem, but Tom knew God was calling him to go back, and that was enough. The program was definitely in need of attention, which made it very clear that Tom was called back to help get the program back on track. The trip had many physical and emotional trials, but Tom stayed optimistic. His ability to continue planning for the future, while at the same time living each day as his last, was inspiring to everyone.



In a testimony to the “June 2023 Team”, Tom explained that on his first trip, he planned on going to serve his brothers and sisters in Uganda, but quickly realized that he was there to BE SERVED. He added, that on this trip (June 2023) he came expecting to be served and he got exactly what he expected. He encouraged the team to see this trip the same way. He mentioned, more than once that his first trip changed his life, and I think the ones that know him best can attest to that. Tom left a big piece of his heart in Uganda, and he will not be forgotten. Click on the link to see a fun video of how much love Tom received. [Video in Tom’s Call to Uganda](#)

One of Tom’s brothers in Uganda, Rev. James always said, “BYE FOR NOW”

Bye for now Brother Tom

Bye For Now



Tom’s Obituary is located [here](#).

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