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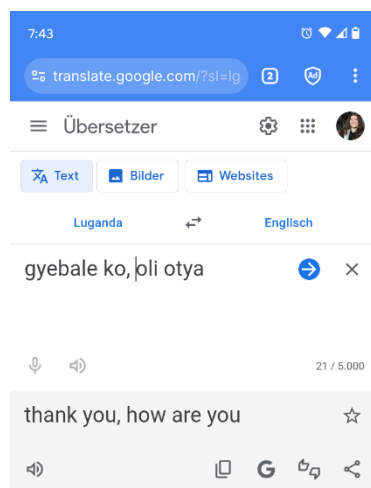
I hope you're enjoying this **Advent season** – the time when Christians remember that God wanted to be with us. **It's a time of contemplation and preparation, before we celebrate on Christmas that Jesus was born – God became man!**

My time as a missionary in Uganda won't really start until summer next year. So, right now, I'm kind of in my **own personal „Advent season“**, as I prepare myself: I'm learning the language „Luganda“, have a part time job, and can FINALLY announce a project, that has been in the works for 4 months: my book „Worldshaper“ (German original: „Weltgestalter“) is now available as a free, English [audiobook](#)! Mehr dazu im Newsletter!



On time for Christmas: „Worldshaper“ is now available as a free audiobook in English!

„Gyebale ko, oli otya?“ – Learning Luganda, supporting Ugandans



Things like language lessons or sending a few Euros as investment capital seem small, but can bring



Luganda is one of the main languages in Uganda. I've been learning it since 2019 (!) but have only made real progress recently. This summer, I started writing „mini diaries“ in Luganda (Google Translate is a big help!). **And as of this November, I started „real“ language classes**, 2x a week on Zoom. I met the teacher in Uganda; he and his wife are missionaries and expecting their first child very soon. The classes are a good way for them to **supplement their income**. Meanwhile, another Ugandan pastor just opened a mini business with the capital I sent them: They now can be a mobile money lender, like a mini bank people use through their cellphones. Such steps are small, but they change the

lives of entire families. And I'm glad I can support people in small ways, even when I'm not back in Uganda yet.

Working at a Toy Store

At this point, I am grateful that I am successfully working at a toy store. I work 10-15h a week at the shop "ROFU Kinderland" in Bruchsal near my home.

The shifts are only 5h long, and I don't need to lift heavy things. Overall, I like the job and the team.

The only challenge is that my boss gets upset very easily. Moreover, she got very upset with me, due to a misunderstanding:

I hadn't mentioned in my job interview that I wanted to go to Uganda. I thought that 8 months of work time were a good amount, and saying something would be too far out. But when my boss realized I was leaving after less than 12 months, she yelled: „If I had known that, I'd have never hired you!“ – lack of staff, recruiting, and training people cost a lot of time and money. I could understand the frustration to some extent and apologized. For now, she seems to have calmed down, because I've been scheduled for work until at least January. I almost suspect that this woman is suffering from early stages of burnout, since emotional irritability and lack of flexibility are typical symptoms, and she is much nicer if you catch her on a less stressful day. I pray that God meets this lady and strengthens her physical and emotional health.

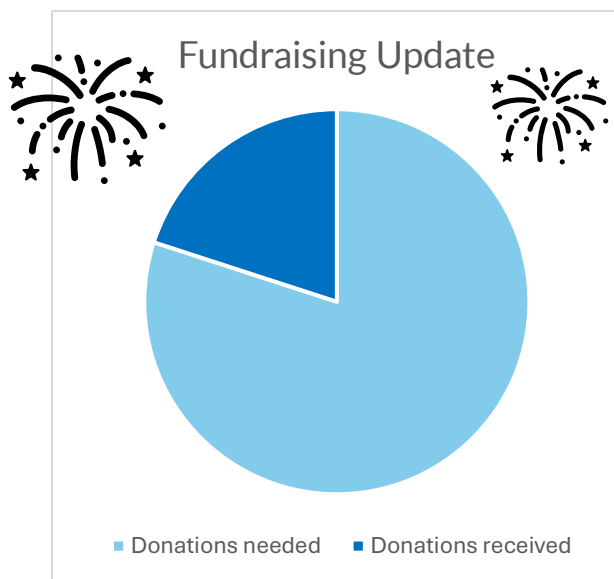
Even if I don't stay until summer, I'm grateful: **The job is proving to me that my health is getting better, and that I can handle working with people several hours at a time. You can pray that God gives me strength and patience to pass on his love, even to people who aren't easy to love.**



At the cash register, putting toys away or sweeping: The tasks vary, but I'm glad that I can do them without issue, as my health is improving

Thankful for the first donors!

Last newsletter I told you that I'm going to Uganda next year, to work at „YWAM Arua“ at the Bible school and in the refugee ministry. The overall goal will be to enable people to discover their relationship with God and their God-given gifts, so they can fight their own poverty and bring positive change to their world. In a sense, this work is a practical continuation of the contents of my book. **The work will be funded 100% by donations – a step of faith towards God.**



Around 20% of my fundraising goal has been reached already – thank you!

And sure enough: The first donations have come in, some of which are from monthly donors! So far, I have reached about 20% of my total fundraising budget, which is wonderful! If you donated already and are reading this: Thank you! And if you haven't donated yet and would like to, you can follow this link (tax credit for US-donors, if you are in Germany or another country, please let me know so I can send the right link): [Donation Page](#). Thank you!

My English Audiobook is now Online!

Many of you know that I wrote a book: „Weltgestalter“ came out in Germany 2022.

It's a "nonfiction book for non-readers", which invites people to live all areas of life in light of heaven's perspective, from areas like personal relationships to climate change or social justice. It's a mix of stories, biblical and scientific input, and practical inspiration.

As soon as I published the German book, my English-speaking friends asked if I could publish an English version. I said no for a long time because my publisher wouldn't do it. But then I found a way to translate and make it useful after all: I recorded an unofficial audiobook version! **You can listen to it and download it now for free: ["Worldshaper"](#)**

Audiobook . And if you want to support it with a donation, you can donate under the same **link** as for my mission account.

Feel free to share the book with all your friends and family: Anyone who is a Christian/ open to Christianity and wants to live in a more sustainable, holistic way will get something from it. The book is purposely written in such a way that it includes perspectives from several cultures and church traditions – so it's not just something for your "white evangelical friend" in the US 😊.

**Thanks for your prayers, for reading along, and for the donations that came so far.
God bless you this Christmas and in the upcoming new year,**

Nicole

Prayer Requests

Thank God for:

- Starting the part time job
- Language classes
- First donors – 20% of goal reached
- "Worldshaper" as an English audiobook!

Ask God for:

- Patience with my boss
- More donations, especially monthly supporters
- That many people would be inspired by my audiobook

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