



LOOK TO THE HILLS

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They say a change is as good as a holiday, not that we particularly feel the need for a holiday, but the winds of change have blown our way. In early May I (Catherine) was approached by KICS - the school where we have enrolled the kids - & asked if I would consider applying for the position of 1st grade teacher as they had no suitable applicants & needed to finalise staffing before school finished at the end of May. We felt that I should apply & I was subsequently offered the position. AIM administration, after much discussion, gave their approval & I have accepted the job. (It is not a paid position, so we still require full financial support though we will be given credit for the kid's school fees.) We see this as a great opportunity to support the kids in their transition to school as I will be there with them each day, we will know what is going on for Makena & I will be able to work with her teacher to support her if needed. It's a great way to support other missionaries, including our teammates, by teaching their kids. I have committed to taking the class for just the 2015-2016 school year (August to May).

Mark 8:34

“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself & take up his cross & follow me”

Our time in Uganda at AIM's Central Region Conference was a fantastic time of fellowship with other AIM-ers who work throughout Central Region (South Sudan, Uganda, Chad, CAR, DRC, Rwanda). We immensely enjoyed the teaching & were particularly struck by Jesus's directive to take up our cross & follow Him & the challenge that rather than seeing this as a difficulty, or even a 'cost' of obedience,

Language fun: You use the same word for 'family' as you do for 'door' with minutely different pronunciation!

Praise God:

- And thank Him for our awesome teammates who have made this period of settling so smooth & through whose generosity we have had access to a vehicle for most of the past four months
- For safety getting to Uganda & back by bus & for a great time of fellowship & teaching at Conference
- For the generosity of so many people in contributing to our car fund

Please continue to pray:

- For our language learning
- That we would have clear opportunity to build relationships with locals

Please pray:

- For the 2 camps that we will be part of this month - work camp in early July & leadership (Forma' Camp) later in July - that lives would be touched, hearts changed & relationships built
- That we would have all the money we need for the car by August
- For a smooth transition to school in August



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Apart from retracing the earlier trip up north in the bus on our way to Uganda, we also were able to visit our friends (& teammates), Chris & Fiona who live in Musanze – a large town in north western Rwanda. They took us to Gisenye, on the border of DRC, where the kids were able to swim in Lake Kivu. We also thoroughly enjoyed accompanying them to their village church & meeting the people they work with.



A majestic, though hidden, volcano near Musanze.

it's an opportunity to reflect the grace & salvation of Christ. Our prayer is that we will remember to do that in everything, not just in ministry or work, but in everyday life & our interactions with everyone we meet. We were also reminded of the importance of prayer – such a vital part of life for any Christian, not just missionaries. We appreciate your support & prayers for us – how can we be praying for you?

*Peter &
Catherine*

FAQ...

~ When is camp?

Maintenance camp runs from July 7 – 14, the hope is to get some work done in fitting out the kitchen, as well as converting one large room into 2 dorm spaces with toilets & showers.

Forma' Camp (the name given to the leadership camp) runs from July 19 – 30. Please pray that people will commit to coming to camp – currently there is a full leadership team, but very few campers registered.

We will go as a family to both camps. Pete will be a counselor at Forma Camp in order to get the fullest picture of how camp works.

~ Can we send you care packages or anything?

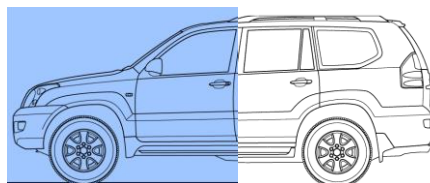
We dearly love receiving mail and gifts through the post, however postage from Australia is incredibly expensive & the postal systems seems a little unreliable (on both ends), so we certainly don't expect anything. However, if you want to send something, here are a few guidelines: make it small (no bigger than an A4 sized post pack or a small box), undervalue it & declare it a gift when you fill out the customs declaration, otherwise we are charged a fairly hefty customs & handling fee.

~ How's the car fund going, & growing?

We have been so humbled & encouraged by the donations we've received already & people's willingness to support us & get involved in fundraising for a car. We still have a way to go, but we are trusting in God's provision (He hasn't let us down yet!) & timing. Our teammates who own the car leave in early October, we need to let them know at the beginning of August if we are going to be able to get it so that they have time to find an alternative buyer if we can't. A car is a necessity for us to be effective in ministry here in Rwanda. It's

also vital that we get a well maintained, as new as possible vehicle so that we aren't burdened with the constant (& expensive) repairs that would be inevitable with an older, 'cheaper' car. Thank you for partnering with us in this huge undertaking.

A "Rwandan Impala" in the grounds of a restaurant on the way to Gisenye. Hmmm...



40% there & totally blown away by your support. Will we get to 100% by August?