LOOK TO THE HILLS

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Welcome to 'The Camp Edition' of our newsletter!

We thought it would be fun to send you a quick update of our first camp experience & some specific prayer requests for each day of Forma'Camp which starts for the camp staff on Sunday (19th July), with campers arriving on Tuesday (21st July).

We were impressed with what we saw at camp, & despite working like Trojans, we thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with some of the young people who have been impacted by camp & are committed to this unique (for Rwanda) ministry, as well as some who have never been to camp but have heard about it & want to be involved. For 8 days around 25 of us worked to improve the infrastructure of the camp site & get it ready for Forma'Camp. Jobs included:

- Washing all of the kitchen gear that has been gathering dust in storage since last year
- Feeding everyone (the cooking team did an AMAZING job!)
- Washing dishes & keeping the kitchen clean
- Upgrading all of the electrical wiring
- Installing toilets & showers (including the required plumbing)
- Painting showers & projector screens
- Building the world's biggest bunk-beds (they sleep 8 people!)
- Repairing damaged concrete paths, steps etc
- Finishing building a shower/toilet block

1 Peter 4: 11

"...If anyone serves they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ..."

Praise God:

- For safety at work camp with shovels, mattocks, bricks, cement & electrical wiring flying around the potential for accidents was there. Beyond a few splinters and some nicked fingers while cutting vegetables, everyone was safe & well
- For the dedication of those who came to work, & work HARD!
- That the kids coped amazingly well

Please pray:

Camp fact: No commercial kitchen or gadgets here – all food was prepared by hand and cooked over charcoal burners.

• For the Forma'Camp (leadership camp) - daily prayer points over the page



The kids were great about getting in there & helping out.



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Camp is located in Bihembe, a small village in Eastern Province. It's about a 1.5 hour drive from Kigali, but only about 30 kilometers from our house - that will give you an indication of the state of the road! All the more reason we need that 4WD, especially given that public transport is limited out there & Pete would like to be able to get out to camp fairly regularly to continue the maintenance work.











Pictures clockwise from top: A spectacular sunset at camp; Makena entertains the local kids with a toad she found; daily devotions; Keama was a little trooper & helped with everything: Pete gets some plumbing tips from Gilles.

Daily prayer points for camp. Please pray:

- 19th for safety & smooth travel as the leadership team head to camp
- 20th that the leaders will work as a cohesive group throughout the camp (despite being from 5 different countries!) & that language would not be an inhibitor to the establishment of relationships
- **21**st for safety & smooth travel as the campers head to camp
- 22^{nd} that the campers will have open minds & hearts
- 23rd thank God for the kitchen staff, for the blessing that they are, for their commitment & hard work
- 24th thank God for those who have travelled from Europe to be involved in the camp
- 25th for Makena & Keama, that they would cope with this extended period away from the comforts of home
- 26^{th} for all of the counsellors, that they would develop strong relationships with their groups of campers
- 27th for Pete as he learns about the ins-&-outs of camp & builds relationships with Rwandans
- 28^{th} that the campers will have opportunity to apply what they have learned at camp when they return home
- 29th for safety as the campers head home & a smooth pack-up for the leadership team
- 30th that the truth of the Word takes root & the campers don't just hear it but apply it to their lives