

LOOK TO THE HILLS

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The countdown to Teens Camp has begun.

Pete officially takes the reins as the assistant-camp director and has been busy organising application forms, putting together Bible lessons and recruiting and training staff to be leaders (counsellors). With only a couple of weeks to go, the camp committee are finalising numbers, hoping to have around 60 campers with a team of 15 leaders. Each camp is assigned a camp director and an assistant – Pete’s learning how it’s done here. Most of his future work will be ‘big picture’ stuff, like training leaders for camp ministry and disciple making.

In addition to organising Teens Camp, Pete has been involved in a couple of Forma’Camp reunions (which happen monthly) and visiting some of the Forma’ campers to catch up and see how and where they are plugged into their local churches.

One of Pete’s biggest challenges is coming up with ways to make the camping ministry self-sustaining, and encouraging the church in Rwanda to take ownership of the ministry. To date camps have run on the generosity of supporters in Europe. It costs about 40,000 Rwandan Francs (AU\$76) per person to run a 9 day camp, but for most of the campers and leaders, this amount is unattainable. Fees are set at 8 000Rwf (\$15) or for some, whatever they can afford, with the shortfall coming from donations. It’s very much an act of faith – organising every camp not knowing where the funds will come from, but God has been, and continues to be faithful. Please pray for wisdom for Pete and the camp committee as they wade through these issues.

You can check out the new 3DCC website which Pete’s been working on. Feel free to send some feedback: <http://3dchristiancamps.weebly.com/>

Fun fact: Paper bags grow just as prolifically as plastic bags in your pantry, but take up more space!

Praise God:

- For a smooth start to the school year, for all of us
- That we now have our own wheels!
- That the ACC Conference went well, Pete was able to meet up with like-minded people & his talks were well received

Please continue to pray:

- For our language learning, as we plod along – *bohoro, bohoro* (slowly, slowly)
- For Pete as he continues to settle into his role

Please pray:

- For Teens Camp – that God would be preparing the hearts and minds of the campers
- For patience as Pete wades through the local insurance system and bureaucracy (more details over the page)
- For safety as we travel around over the next couple of months
- For our teammates and friends, the Marlins, as they have travelled back to the USA for the health needs of their family, that they would have a time of rest, renewal and encouragement



RWANDA RWANDERINGS ...

We recently had a couple of days off school so took the opportunity to visit Lake Kivu. We stayed in a guesthouse run by nuns on the shores of the lake – beautiful!

We are looking forward to some more trips out of town when friends from Australia visit in late November.



Lake Kivu from the beach just outside our room at the guesthouse.

The kids and I are working hard at school. It's probably been the biggest adjustment for me, but now that we are a quarter (term) in, I'm beginning to feel like I've found a routine that works. Keama seems to be coping, though he is really tired at the end of each day. Makena is doing well – still finding things tricky, but she's doing her best and working hard. We are all looking forward to some time off in the next couple of months (our biggest 'term' break will be 2 and a bit weeks at Christmas) and we are especially looking forward to some friends visiting in November. We will also move house at the beginning of December – our lease runs out in our current house mid-December. Thankfully the process of finding a new place was made easy for us – we decided to move into the house of our former teammates, the Stehliks (who we also bought the car from).

Nine months in and we feel like we've got a pretty good handle on how life here works – getting around town (and knowing, albeit vaguely, where the places people talk about are), where to go to get the things we need. We're feeling pretty settled.....now just to get some more language under our belt! Thank you for your continued and faithful prayers, we appreciate them greatly.

Please let us know how we can be praying for you.

*Peter &
Catherine*

Romans 12: 10-12

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

~ Here it is!

It was so exciting to get the car, and it has made life so much easier. Unfortunately about 2 weeks after we got it, Pete was rear-ended, causing significant damage to the rear bumper, but nothing too serious. Thankfully neither the paneling nor the chassis were damaged. Pete has since spent a frustrating few weeks trying to get insurance sorted out – chasing police reports, lodging claim forms and then regularly following up with the insurance company. Please pray that this would be sorted out soon, and our claim approved, as it is proving to be a time-consuming process of running around in circles.

