

LOOK TO THE HILLS

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Once again it's been a busy couple of months. Apart from the usual camp and school commitments and family busy-ness, we've also had a number of guests staying with us.

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It's been a relatively quiet couple of months for camp, but Pete has regularly met with a number of the young men who have been involved in camps. In February he began a Bible study with a small group of young men – they generally meet on Thursdays. One of Pete's main focusses in this 'down-time' between camps, is getting some of the maintenance done out at the camp site so that Work Camp isn't quite so full and frantic. The team he put together to do the work have completed the cabin 'en suite' bathrooms, finished the dividing walls between cabin rooms, and fixed up some of the crumbling concrete and old electrical work. The next goal is to get shelving in the kitchen and triple bunk-beds made for the dorm rooms, so that campers no longer need to sleep on the floor.

At the beginning of March we enjoyed travelling as a family to Gisenyi, on the shores of Lake Kivu, for a camp committee retreat. It was such a special time of fellowship and planning with a dedicated group of young people who have volunteered their time (a very unique thing here) for a number of years, to see this ministry continue.

KICS (School)

I feel like, now that I'm more than three quarters done with the school year, that I've got something of a handle on things! It's been a delight to watch the kids in my class learn and grow, and recently we've had some great discussions about following Jesus. While some of the students in my class are the

Fun fact: Sunrise is around 6am and sunset at 6pm. Everyday. No daylight-saving here!

Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, bring your requests to God.

Praise God:

- For answered prayer seen in recent connections with some local people at church
- For the boys' Bible study that Pete has started
- For the opportunity to catch-up with, and say good-bye to, our friends and teammates the Marlin family

Please continue to pray:

- For opportunities to build friendships with local people
- For our language learning

Please pray:

- For wisdom in parenting – as if it's not a tricky enough job, adding living in another country and schooling in a different system certainly has its challenges!
- That the young men involved in the Bible study group would be encouraged and grow in their faith and maturity



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RWANDA RWANDERINGS ...

Majestic mountains and volcanoes surround the Gisenyi area. It's one of our favourite places to visit and when the clouds lift the views are spectacular.



children of missionaries and Christian parents, some of them come from non-Christian homes. It's fantastic to hear them telling of how they've shared with their families the same stories they heard in class.

We recently went on a 'field-trip' (excursion) to read to pre-school kids at a local school, followed by a trip to a women's craft cooperative where we learned to make paper beads. It was a great day!

FAMILY

Pete has become the K-2 soccer coach at school. On Tuesday afternoons he does soccer training with about 20 little people (including Makena and Keama), and they all love it!

In March Makena competed in the inaugural Kigali Youth Swimming Competition (also her first ever swimming competition). After more than a year with no squad training, she practiced 3 times the week before the competition and came first in both 25m freestyle and 25m backstroke!

We've had quite a house-full of people the last couple of months – with different friends from Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania coming to stay at various times. Also our friends and teammates, the Marlins (who had to leave Rwanda suddenly last October), were back to pack up and say goodbyes. It was bitter sweet to have them with us for a couple of days, but we were grateful for the opportunity to catch up, pray with them and say a proper goodbye this time.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. We pray that the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all (2 Cor 13:14),

Pete & Catherine

FROM THE KIDS...

MAKENA



"Talya and Naadei are my friends. They are the first people I met here who go to school with me. We are all from 2 countries! Talya comes from India and America and Naadei comes from England and Ghana. We like to play on the swings together in the morning when the boys are kicking the ball at us!"

KEAMA



"These are my friends Charlie and Andreas. They like to play soccer and we play soccer every day. Charlie comes from Rwanda and America and Andreas is from Denmark. Charlie and I play freeze tag too, and I like to go to Andreas' house to play with his LEGOs!"