

Look to the Hills

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With only hours left in the month, I think I can still say that the newsletter isn't late – right? Once again it's been a busy couple of months, but school finished on Friday so we are looking forward to some down time before the craziness of camp begins.

3DCC

Pete has continued to meet with his small group of guys for Bible study. He is working through the book of Mark, using a curriculum that was written by our AIM teammates. It's in Kinyarwanda and English, so it speaks to the boys heart-language (so important for deep, transformational understanding), but Pete also understands!

May is when planning really gets underway for Forma' (Leadership) Camp – counsellors, teachers and other camp staff are chosen and asked if they're interested and available. Application forms are sent out and camp is promoted in local churches. The repairs and work out at the campsite were completed in early April. The kids and I got to go and check it out, it's looking fantastic and we are looking forward to not hearing all the noise and conversations from the room next door when we head to camp in July!

KICS (School)

The last week of school was pretty frantic, but I think the kids had a great time as we celebrated with a party on Friday and a few other special activities throughout the week. I am so proud of how far all of my students have come this year. KICS is currently building 3 new classrooms to cater for the growing number of enrolments. Next school year the plan is to have 2 Kinder and 2 First Grade classes, however up until now there are only teachers for 1 of each class. There is also

Fun fact: Umuganda is a community work day that happens on the last Saturday of every month.

Romans 12:1

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

Praise God:

- That the boys' Bible study is going well, they are committed and keen
- For school holidays – we are all well and truly ready for a break and some rest
- For the commitment of the camp committee who are working hard to recruit both camp staff and campers

Please continue to pray:

- For language learning and safety in travel

Please pray:

- For teachers for KICS
- That the camp committee will find a camp 'mum and dad' for Forma' Camp who will do some teaching and counseling/mentoring of campers – it's been difficult finding a couple who are available
- We have a lot of travel coming up in the next couple of months – please pray for safety

RWANDA RWANDERINGS...

We've stuck pretty close to home these 2 months, but recently enjoyed an AIM team afternoon tea, and watching the sunset from Mt Kigali – the highest point in town (which is only 378m shorter than Mt Kosciusko)!



need for a 5th Grade and Special Ed teacher. Please pray that teachers for these classes would be found before school goes back in August.

FAMILY

It's pretty much been life as usual these past 2 months. We've continued to enjoy catching up with friends who visit and we celebrated both Pete and then Keama's birthdays. Keama enjoyed a 'campfire' party with his friends, while Pete preferred a quiet family dinner at a new Thai restaurant. We enjoyed a week off from school during 'Memorial Week', though given it is a week of remembrance and mourning for the 1994 genocide, it was a very subdued week. Now that school is done, it's pretty safe to say we are all looking forward to sleeping beyond dawn and not racing to be at school before the time we used to even be out of bed when we lived in Australia!

We are as appreciative as ever of your continued support and encouragement. Please let us know how we can pray for you,

*Peter &
Catherine*

FROM THE KIDS...

MAKENA



Makena enjoyed learning about value (shades of colours) in art and painted an ice-cream in a waffle cone. She also won a 2nd Grade award.

What's been your favourite thing about school this year? Getting to school early and playing with my friends.

What was your favourite subject? Art and writing and science.

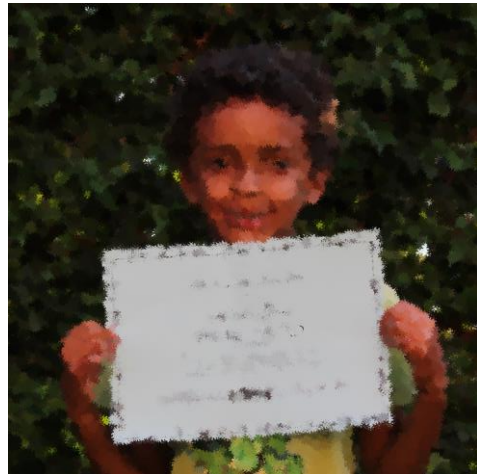
What was the best thing about school this year? Being a 'staff kid' so I had more time to play with friends.

Who was your teacher? Miss Claflin

What's the best thing about Miss Claflin? She was kind and she let us have parties!

What's one thing you learned at school this year? To be a better reader.

KEAMA



Keama won the PE Award for Kindergarten!

What's been your favourite thing about school? Recess! Playing soccer with my friends.

What was your favourite thing to do in class?

I like to write pictures with everyone, when everyone sits together and does their own different picture.

What was the best thing about school this year? Doing PE.

Who was your teacher? Miss Merz.

What's the best thing about Miss Merz?

She lets us draw whatever we want to.

What's one thing you learned at school this year? How to play Dodgeball.