

# Look to the Hills

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Firstly can we take the opportunity to say 'Murakaza neza' (welcome) to those of you who are new to our support team and/or have asked to join our mailing list. We've been so encouraged the last couple of months to have people say they want to know more, and some who have committed to joining our prayer and financial support team – murakozi cyane (thank you very much)! So, with that – let the update begin....

## 3DCC

We had a fantastic time at camp. As is inevitable, the numbers changed on the day and we ended up with 41 campers and 16 leaders, but it was a fantastic, enthusiastic group from around Rwanda, as well as a few campers from Burundi and Congo. The average age of the campers was a little older than last year's group, but they were excited to be there and from all accounts learned a lot. Pete took something of a behind the scenes roll this year – he continued with maintenance and kept up with all the little, behind-the-scenes jobs that popped up. He and I shared our testimonies around the campfire one night, which was an interesting experience – many upfront questions to answer! I helped out in the kitchen again, but also had the opportunity to teach one session on living a lifestyle of purity. The last morning of camp we had a foot-washing ceremony which was incredibly powerful, and for some a very emotional experience. It was a privilege to be a part of it.

Pete will get back into Bible study this month and will begin following-up with some of the campers. In September he will be travelling to Uganda for the Africa Christian Camping (ACC) Conference, where he will be presenting workshops for the participants.

## KICS (School)

You may recall the request for prayer that God would provide teachers for this school year at KICS? Well, He did. And it seems His plans for me include being back to teach 1<sup>st</sup> Grade until Christmas! I have moved into a brand-new classroom and currently have a delightful class of just 10

Fun fact: Imigongo is a traditional art method from Rwanda, using cow dung to make raised geometric patterns!

## Psalm 89:8

Who is like you, Lord God almighty?  
You, Lord, are mighty and your faithfulness  
surrounds you.

### Praise God:

- For answered prayer during Forma'Camp
- For safety in all of the travel we have done over the last few weeks
- That teachers were found to fill the positions at KICS

### Please continue to pray:

- For the Boys Bible Study group – wisdom for Pete in leadership, commitment for the boys
- For enthusiasm and commitment to continue with language learning

### Please pray:

- That we would settle into a good, sustainable routine now that we are back to school and work
- For Pete as he prepares talks/workshops for the ACC Conference, and safety as he travels to the conference in Uganda, Sept 5-10
- For future planning for the camp ministry – training leaders, fundraising and getting camp facilities ready so we can use them to generate income

students.

Makena and Keama were super excited to be back at school (we started this past week), they were happy to be reunited with their friends and are looking forward to the adventures of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

### FAMILY

Many of you know that after camp we headed off on our 'Epic Road Trip' through Tanzania to the beach in Kenya, to Nairobi then back home to Kigali via Uganda. We took 22 days to travel almost 5000 kilometres, doing an average speed of just 48kph! Whilst travelling some of the stretches of road were frustratingly slow, overall we had a fantastic time seeing more of this part of the world and catching up with some of Pete's family and our friends in Kenya. Hands down, everyone's favourite part was the 3 days we spent on the beach in Kenya. None of us realised, until we got there, just how much we have missed the beach, and how much we needed some down-time to relax and unwind. We were grateful for the opportunity to get away and have some time together making memories and enjoying God's glorious creation.

Until next time, we hope you enjoy some photos from camp and our trip,

*Pete & Catherine*



#### Photos L to R:

Camp games (x2), Just a few potatoes to peel! Catherine teaching her lesson, Foot washing, Forma'Camp 6 group.

Serengeti camp site, Diani Beach, Visiting the equator, At the source of the Nile, Ngorongoro Crater.

