



Look to the Hills

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"Home wasn't a set house, or a single town on a map.

It was wherever the people who loved you were, whenever you were together.

Not a place, but a moment, and then another, building on each other like bricks to create a solid shelter that you take with you for your entire life, wherever you may go."

(Sarah Dessen, What Happened to Goodbye)

We feel incredibly privileged to have homes in many different places, to have built on, and made new memories with so many people in so many places over the last few months. While we certainly didn't have a holiday, or very much rest while in Australia, we've returned to our Rwandan home feeling refreshed and renewed and ready to settle back into life in this place.

Our final bed count was 22, and we travelled just over 13 500 kilometres (8 400 miles) in order to catch up with everyone. As much as we enjoyed it, we were all ready and glad to be back in our own beds and our own space, and for a while the 10k trek across town to go swimming, or into the city, will do us!

The next couple of months should be fairly quiet. The kids will continue with school work – catching up on what we didn't finish; but it also helps to fill long days with limited options for entertainment. Pete will reconnect with his small Bible study group and begin some of the preparations for camp. Catherine will begin language study and start to get organised to begin two Play Therapy programmes in August – one at KICS (the kids' school), the other with Live Again Rwanda, a small counselling service and training organisation. Because camp has been moved to August (due to the upcoming elections), we are excited about the opportunity to go to an annual conference for missionaries that has been taking place in Rwanda for the last 70-odd years. We are looking forward to the opportunity to meet some more of the mission community here, and to enjoy some retreat time.

Until next time, know that you are all often in our thoughts and prayers and your support is greatly appreciated,

Peter &
Catherine

Fun fact: From Makena – Did you know that the gorillas in Rwanda have rangers who follow and protect them?

Philemon 1:4-7

I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ.

Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

Praise God:

- For a safe and smooth trip home.
- For each of the churches and individuals who support us and their partnership in the work we do here.
- For the generous provision of so many people that enabled our Home Assignment to be so enjoyable and stress-free.

Please pray:

- For our re-entry into Rwanda – that we would settle quickly, especially the kids.
- For creative ideas and opportunities to fill the next couple of months while so many people in our network have travelled to their home countries.
- That language would be remembered and learned easily!
- That the Kumba missions conference would be a time of refreshment and renewal (July 22-30)

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