



LOOK TO THE HILLS

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Time flies when you're having fun!

The same is true when you are raising a support team & completing Bible requirements. It's hard to believe that it's October already - our deadline to finish our Bible requirements & have a full team of prayer & financial supporters looms ever closer.

We have recently finished the "Perspectives" course, & would highly recommend it to anyone interested in becoming involved in missions or interested in the history of missions & God's heart for all people of the world.

Our next goal is to finish a few subjects through an online Bible College, as well as reading a couple of books. It's quite overwhelming, & we are already pretty tired, but we know it's only for a season & the end result will be worth it.

During the school holidays we enjoyed the beauty of Tasmania & the joy of both reconnecting with old friends & meeting new ones - a time of rest, rejuvenation & time together as a family.

Ecclesiastes 3:9-11

What does the worker gain from his toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on men. He has made everything beautiful in his time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

Fun Fact: There are 3 official languages in Rwanda - Kinyarwanda, French, & English.

Praise God:

- *For the opportunity to attend AIM's Annual Conference, meeting others who are on a similar path to us & those who run/support AIM Australia.*
- *For the opportunity to do the Perspectives course & the challenge & encouragement it was to us.*
- *For the continuing encouragement we have received through the growth of our support team & opportunities to share.*

Please pray:

- *That we would continue to manage our time well as we travel to speak & complete Bible requirements.*
- *For the continued growth of our support team (see over for more details) & the strength to continue trusting in God's provision.*
- *For the kids as they process the reality of moving & all that it entails.*



Settle in our own place in Kigali, language learning, Pete starts work

Inbound Orientation: living with a Rwandan family

3 weeks Africa Based Orientation (in Kenya)

Home Based Orientation

Building support team, working on theological requirements

Official Interviews, medicals etc

Initial application

RWANDA RWONDERINGS ...

Makena - What will school be like? Will I make new friends?

Keama - Will I have a bike to ride?

Catherine - How much 'stuff' can we get in our bags? What can we get there? What do we do without?

Peter - Where are the good places to go hiking?



A Taste of Tassie!

Pictures: Top of Mt Wellington, kids in gaol at Port Arthur, about to tackle the suspension bridge at Tahune

FAQ...

~ How is your support raising going?

It's getting there, building slowly, but we still have a long way to go. With less than a month until our deadline (7th November) for having 100% of our budget raised or pledged, we are clinging on to God & trusting in His provision.

To date our budget sits at about 30% of what we need, while our prayer support team is much closer to being complete (though really, is it possible to have too much prayer?!).

Just to add a bit more pressure into the mix, we also need to raise funds for a vehicle in Rwanda. Honestly, we aren't sure how to go about this. It's hard enough asking for support just to live, without adding the substantial cost for a vehicle, but it's just not practical to try and survive, or for Pete to get to camp & do all the follow-up & mentoring after camp, without a vehicle. It's vital that we get a good quality & as near new as possible vehicle - experience has proven that older vehicles become black-holes that cost more in the long run to maintain - but this means that we have to pay more initially. Also, all vehicles are imported into Rwanda & therefore purchase costs are high. After consulting with the AIM Rwanda team, we are estimating that we are going to need about \$30 000 for a second hand 4WD.

Our priority at this point is our monthly budget so that we can get the green light to go, car fundraising can be an ongoing effort. However, if you have a desire to donate to our vehicle fund we would appreciate it (any donations need to be clearly marked as 'Gitau car'). Equally we'd love fundraising ideas or leads on low or no interest loans! We would also ask that if you are planning on supporting us financially or prayerfully but have yet to send in a form, it would help us immensely if you could send it in ASAP - even if your commencement for financial support is not until next year, it will add to our total.

Thank you so much for all your support & encouragement thus far,

Peter & Catherine



The Timeline...