

LOOK TO THE HILLS

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We seem to have settled into something of a routine these last few weeks, though it's not quite the routine we were expecting.

Pete has continued with regular Kinyarwanda lessons 3 days a week, but my Kinyarwanda has been reduced to one afternoon a week as I've taken on full-time home-school with Makena. Unfortunately, our plan to get both of the kids into school for the next few months, until the new (American) school year starts in August, hasn't happened for Makena. And the school where they will be going has some serious concerns that she is very far behind where she needs to be. As a result we decided the best thing for Makena would be for me to work with her over the next couple of months to (hopefully) get her caught up, or at least improved. She is doing really well, and has already shown progress in her reading. We are also learning lots of American lingo and getting familiar with American money and Imperial measuring systems, so she should be ready to go come August!

Keama is enrolled in a local pre-school where he is learning all kinds of neat things. His teachers are Kenyan, so he is cultivating a cute Kenyan accent, & most importantly, he is making friends.

Lamentations 3:22-23

GOD's loyal love couldn't have run out,
his merciful love couldn't have dried up.
They're created new every morning.
How great your faithfulness!

We are so grateful for this opportunity to settle into routine here & work on language without the pressure of work as well. And we are clearly seeing God's faithfulness & mercies & are drawing closer to Him as we settle into life in this new place.

Language fun: From the last newsletter - 'ryo' is pronounced 'djo' & 'mw' is 'mng'! Did you guess right?

Praise God:

- That we have school for the kids sorted for next year & that they are both enjoying their current, interim school experiences.
- For a good & steady exchange rate at the moment.
- Pete's Kinyarwanda is improving & he has found a local Futsal competition where he can connect with guys from a variety of cultures.

Please continue to pray:

- For our language learning, especially Catherine's as it is taking a backseat while she home-schools.
- That we would have clear opportunity to build relationships with locals.

Please pray:

- For peace and stability in Burundi, the neighbouring country to the south. A military coup was declared on the 13th May & it's estimated that more than 50 000 refugees have flooded into Rwanda in the past month.
- That we would find a church to settle in & become a part of.
- For safety & uneventful travel as we go by bus to Uganda in June.



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RWANDA RWANDERINGS ...

It's a strange concept for an Aussie, of being able to drive a couple of hours in any direction & be in a whole new country! We drove up north toward Uganda & checked out a place called Byumba. The views were spectacular.

We'll be heading that way again in June, this time in a bus as we head to Kampala for AIM's Central Region Conference.

We hope & pray that you too are experiencing His loyal & merciful love every morning. And thank you for YOUR faithfulness in supporting us, & this ministry.

*Peter &
Catherine*



Even in the rain, the tea plantations surrounded by mountains near Byumba were spectacular.

FAQ...

~ How's camp going?

We don't know! We are yet to visit the camp site or experience a camp as our focus for now is language learning (& there haven't been any camps since we arrived). However, there will be a work camp (for maintenance) in early July, followed by 'Forma' - the youth leadership camp, later in July. Most excitingly the Bonvallats, who started the camp ministry whom we visited in France, will be coming for camp. We are so excited to share our first camp experience with them!



~ Where'd the timeline go?

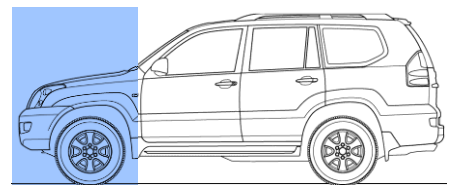
You noticed, eh? We thought it was time to retire the timeline. Besides, it gives us more room for photos, like this one of Harriet – the newest member of the family. She's a 3 month old "Kigali special"!

~ So what's happening with the car situation?

We're so glad you asked! We think we have found a car that will be perfect for our needs as a family and in the camp ministry. It currently belongs to our AIM teammates who will be moving back to the States in early October. The only hitch – we don't have the money for it. But we have until August to raise it. Would you consider helping us out? We have some money saved, & some people have already donated (thank you!), so we have about 23% of what we need but we have a long way to go to get to the *gulp* AU\$30 000 that we need. Would you consider making a donation or running a fundraiser for us? You can send any donation directly to AIM marked as 'Gitau Car' & feel free to contact us if you have questions or you'd like more information. Oh, & by the way, it's a 2006 Toyota Prado.



On the road to Byumba.



23% there. Can you help us get to 100% by August?