

# Look to the Hills

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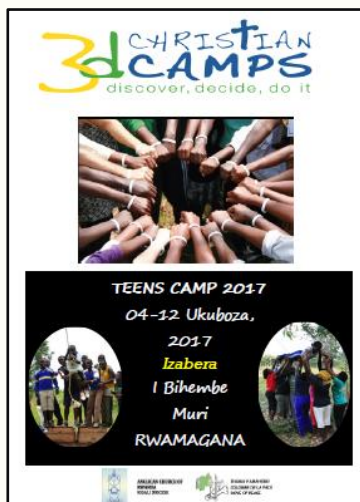
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Camp season is upon us as we look forward to Teens Camp in December, an outdoor program for middle school and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade camp for KICS in January, and possibilities for some more camps for other organisations in February. Needless to say, Pete is keeping busy with camp committee meetings as they plan the program for Teens Camp, put together a leadership team, decide on a devotions curriculum and promote camp at churches throughout the country.

We are grinding to the end of what has been a long semester at school – everyone feeling tired and somewhat frazzled, but we are hanging in there until Christmas and are looking forward to some much needed family time away for a couple of weeks.

### 3DCC

The aftermath of Forma'Camp continues to encourage us as a couple of new Bible study groups have formed and many of the campers continue to look for ways to use what they have learned in their churches and communities.



Things are looking good for Teens Camp, and the count-down is on: leaders start getting things ready on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, and campers arrive on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Peter has recently made contact with a number of people from other organisations in Rwanda who are interested in having a 3DCC program and

camps which he would run for them. This is an answer to prayer, and an exciting development as it brings us closer to becoming self-sustaining. But it also means Pete has to take time from discipleship and mentoring to organise

Fun fact: Lake Kivu (borders Rwanda and DRC) is the 3<sup>rd</sup> deepest lake in Africa, it's deepest point is 485m.

### 1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore my dear brothers, stand firm. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain."

### Praise God:

- That Kelsey is healing well (see last newsletter) and is beginning her transition back to full time work at KICS.
- For amazing results through the play therapy program at KICS
- For new opportunities for 3DCC Camps in the wider community

### Please pray:

- For all the groundwork that goes into planning camps before they happen, especially for finding cohesive, dedicated and enthusiastic leaders (counselors)
- For good time management for Pete as he juggles post-camp discipleship and develops programs for new camps next year
- For filling the short-term position with 3DCC
- For plans and commitments for the next school year
- For wisdom in knowing where we should live
- For language learning



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## RWANDA RWANDERINGS...

We recently enjoyed a trip to Lake Muhazi, about an hour and a half out of Kigali, for a Camp Committee retreat. It was a fun day of food, fellowship and swimming in a beautiful part of the world.



and build programs and leadership teams. However, we have asked AIM to consider recruiting a short-termer to join us for 6-12 months next year in order to help with mentoring and discipleship. There is a possibility that someone is available; please pray with us as we look to fill this need, and as the ministry grows.

### Play Therapy

I am thoroughly enjoying being the Play Therapist at KICS and working with 13 kids there. I've recently had some encouraging feedback from parents about how effective the program has been for their kids. As with any job though, there are challenges, and I am finding it trickier to know how to work with the teens – it's new for me and I'm finding it very stretching. I've also enjoyed being a resource for teachers in helping them understand and deal with some of the behaviours and challenges they are facing in the classroom. My 1 day a week at Live Again Rwanda is great, and I have recently been asked to consider doing some Play Therapy training next year. Please pray for wisdom for me, as opportunities open up in this area, to know which direction to head in the future (specifically next school year and beyond).

### Family

We continue to be busy juggling school and work, swimming, soccer and dancing, church, social commitments and language learning (of course!). Thank for your prayers about church during the last couple of months. Keama has recently started 'helping' in the little kids class (2-4 year olds) and seems to be enjoying it. Makena also helps from time to time, but the church is hoping to start a Teens class (11-14 years olds) soon. This class will be in English, so easy for Makena to be involved and I (Catherine) will probably help out with teaching some of the classes. We are somewhat sporadic in our attendance, due to promoting camps in other churches and needing to maintain ties with the Anglican church that owns the facilities we use for camp. But we are feeling more and more at home at Gospel Community Church and appreciate the community, the teaching and the missional heart of the church.

A big consideration that has come up recently is whether to remain living where we are, or whether we should move closer to school and the part of town where we are most involved. Whilst we love our home, driving in the traffic is one of our biggest stressors and could potentially become worse with upcoming roadworks. We are looking into options for alternative housing at the moment, but haven't made a final decision yet.

As always, we appreciate your support and prayers – please let us know how we can be praying for you.

*Peter & Catherine*



Representing Australia at the recent KICS Parade of Nations.



*In the dry season we don't get as much city water sent through the pipes as at other times of the year. Usually we get water every 10 days or so, but this year during the dry season we were only getting water about twice a month. At the beginning of November our tank ran dry so we had to buy a truck load of water to re-fill it.*

### The Language Box!

Some words we use frequently:  
Muraho – Hello  
Mwaramutse – Good Morning  
Mwiriwe – Good afternoon  
Amakuru – How are you?  
Mwirirwe – Good bye (before 4pm)  
Muramuke – Goodbye (after 4pm)  
Murakoze – Thank you  
Ushobora – Can you...

For pronunciation tips see the language box in the last newsletter!