

# Look to the Hills

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If we were to give this newsletter a theme or a title it would be full of 'R's - rain, roofs, rabies and....tax! We've experienced far more rain than we need, or that is usual the last few months, and dearly wish we could send some to Australia. While excess rain seems like a good problem to have, (or not a problem at all), it actually has serious consequences. To date more than [200 people](#) have died and thousands more have lost their homes as a result of the flash flooding and landslides that are synonymous with excess rain when you live in a mountainous country where many homes are built with poor construction materials and questionable building standards.

## 3DCC

Those on our mailing list may remember the prayer email we sent out last month, explaining the situation with churches being closed by the government. Well, it seems that our campsite has been included as a property needing to meet standards and we have been told to either paint or replace the roofs and install rain guttering. We are not sure how urgent this work is or if it will affect Forma'Camp in July. Pete is seeking clarification, but whatever the outcome, it is not something that is in our budget for right now.



Just 2 of the 6 roofs that need painting/replacing and guttering.

Fun fact: Annual rainfall in Kigali is around 1028mm. In Australia it's less than 600ml.

## Ezra 10:13a

"But there are a lot of people here. And it is rainy season; so we can't stand outside."

## Praise God:

- For the provision of people to fill the short-term position at camp – we have 2 young ladies arriving in July
- For a fixed car!
- That Catherine and the kids were able to have a quick visit home and catch up with family and friends

## Please pray:

- For Pete as he adjusts to the role of unit leader and for good time management as he juggles new responsibilities, 3DCC ministry commitments and study
- That the kids will have a positive finish to the school year
- For funds to complete the necessary work out at camp, and that we will be able to run Forma'Camp whether or not the work is completed
- For GCC and other genuine churches that have been impacted by the new church standards, that they would be encouraged and uplifted at this time

## RWANDA RWANDERINGS...

We are enjoying getting to know our new neighbourhood. Walking to and from school is one of the perks, and finding the shortcuts is an adventure and a source of both comedy and fascination for our neighbours!



However, it is not a situation that we can ignore, so we are asking for help. We are hoping to raise US\$3 000 to complete the required work and install water tanks (to catch the rain from the gutters). If you would like to contribute toward the cost of our roof and guttering upgrade at camp please get in touch with us, or you can contact AIM directly via [finance.au@aimint.org](mailto:finance.au@aimint.org) to make a donation to our 3D Christian Camps project.

### Play Therapy

Play Therapy continues to keep me busy. Thanks for your prayers about the program I'm doing with the vulnerable women. I was lent a parenting course curriculum called *How We Love Our Kids* and I'm modifying that to use with the ladies; and the kids are a hoot – we laugh a lot! I have also accepted the position at KICS next year. My official role will be 'Whole Child Interventionist'. I will continue to run a Play Therapy program for individual kids as well as a classroom program targeting social skills, resilience and anti-bullying in the primary school. I am currently working on gathering resources for the program I will be teaching which is proving challenging both budget and logistics wise – please pray that this will come together in time to start in August.

### Family

Just this week Pete went to Uganda to pick up our car which had been there having some major repairs done. He also got new tyres. Being the outdoor ed guy he is, and not wanting to waste 4 old tyres that can be used for a multitude of camp activities, he brought the old ones back with him. Little did he know that on arriving at the border with 4 old tyres, he would be charged tax on the new tyres he was importing to Rwanda. A whopping 52% of the value of the new tyres. Ouch. Lesson learned, the unpleasant way. Another unpleasant experience was (Catherine) getting bitten by a street dog. Almost more unpleasant than the bite is the compulsory treatment for rabies – 5 injections over the course of the month. Another lesson learned – don't walk the dogs at night without being armed with a rather large stick to ward off the street dogs! Aside from those life lessons, things are going well for all of us. We are all enjoying the new house and the convenience of being 10 minutes from school with next to no traffic. Pete is now our official Rwanda Unit Leader and is adjusting to the new role and responsibilities. School is wrapping up and we look forward to a bit of a break before camp begins in July. Thanks, as always, for your support and prayers. Let us know how we can be praying for you.

Peter & Catherine



Some April happenings: celebrating Keama's 9<sup>th</sup> birthday, ANZAC service in Kigali, a Sunday morning fellowship gathering of Gospel Community Church.