

Look to the hills



An inlet on Lake Kivu and the green hills of Nyamasheke District

Some highlights:

- New school year
- Dancing and boxing
- Rwandan missionaries
- Forma'Camp19

Welcome to our new look newsletter!

Welcome to our new-look newsletter! And if you are new to our support team and mailing list since we were in Australia – Murakaza Neza! We are so glad to have you joining us on this journey.

Do you have months that just seem to fly by at the speed of light?

That's definitely been our experience these last few months, so grab a cuppa and a comfy chair and we'll catch you up on the happenings of the last few months, and some of the exciting things that are happening in life and ministry in Rwanda.

What's been happening with family?

Since our last newsletter we've been to camp, the girls enjoyed being tourists with the team from Nowra Baptist Church while the boys went to Kumbya Missions Conference. I (Catherine) started back at school the day after the NBC team left, the boys got back from Kumbya a couple of days later and Pete started to get back into the usual post-camp work. Two weeks later we headed to Uganda for our biennial AIM Central Region Conference.

The kids started their new school year the day after we got back from Uganda and since then it's been life as usual – work, school,

study, repeat!

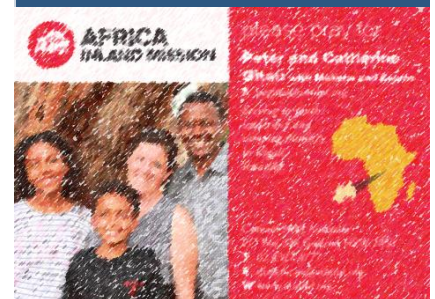
Makena elected to take dance as a subject this semester and is loving it, she's also adjusted and is doing super well in high school. Keama has recently started learning boxing, in addition to continuing as his soccer team's goalie. He is also doing well in 4th grade.

Pete is back to coaching Keama's soccer team and continues to go to a lot of meetings and drink a lot of tea!

I was really glad to finish my Uni semester recently and am looking forward to a break from study until March next year.

*And he said to them,
"Go into all the world
and preach the gospel
to every creature."*

~ Mark 16:15



Did you get a copy of our new prayer card? Let us know if you missed out and we'll get one to you. And a huge shout out to our friend Nat who took the photo!



Pacifique and Assumpta

Introducing....

A big part of Pete's job is working with churches, pastors and individuals to build their awareness of the great commission – as believers we are all called to share the gospel throughout the world. Sadly, in many parts of Africa, missionaries are seen as white people and so the idea of Africans being missionaries is quite foreign. The church in Rwanda is considered established, and yet few churches send long-term missionaries. For the few believers who have the desire to serve the Lord as missionaries it's a long and difficult road of raising support and finding a church or organisation who will stand with them in ministry.

In future newsletters, we plan on introducing you to some of the young people from Rwanda who are passionate about being involved in mission.

Pacifique and Assumpta are a young Rwandan couple who have a heart for supporting Rwandan missionaries. They have seen the need for a Rwandan sending entity (like AIM) and are in the process of starting an organisation called Tubasange. Their hope is to work full time in supporting missionaries and running Tubasange, though even for them support-raising is an on-going challenge and so they both continue to work full time. Tubasange is currently supporting 5 Rwandan missionaries.

Forma'Camp19

It was so great to have the team from Nowra Baptist Church join us for Forma'Camp. It was a joy to see their enthusiasm and willingness to give anything a go and they forged some great relationships with both campers and leaders. It was also an encouragement to us to have them here and share life and ministry with them. We ended up with 55 campers from around the country and from all walks of life, 4 of whom gave their lives to Christ.

One of the most incredible stories from camp this year was that of a young dad who got a call part way through camp that he needed to return home as the bank was going to foreclose on his loan, seize his home and evict his family. It's a difficult call, for a multitude of reasons, to get involved in a situation like that, but the leadership team felt it important that we bring it to the camp community so they could pray for the young man. The campers took a collection – some of them giving all that they had – and their donations, combined with a contribution from one of our visiting leaders, was able to cover the cost of the young man's loan. We also had some incredible answers to prayer and donations that enabled us to replace a broken water pump.



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Coming up....

The next few weeks will be life as normal. Pete will be busy with the 3DCC committee planning for Teens Camp (November 29 – December 11). He'll continue to meet with pastors and Bible study groups, discipling and drinking tea. Makena and Catherine will finish at school on December 20; Keama will finish on the 16th. We will enjoy some time with friends out of the city over Christmas.

Once again, thank you to all of you for your continued support. Thank you to those who have newly joined our support team. We are always humbled by your generosity and desire to be partners in our life and God's ministry here. Please let us know what's happening for you and how we can be praying for you.

With much love and thanks,
Peter, Catherine,
Makena and Keama

Praise God:

~ for a fantastic Forma'Camp, for good health, safety and encouraged and equipped young leaders

~ for the team from Nowra Baptist Church who were such an encouragement to us, the campers and the 3DCC team

~ for Pacifique and Assumpta and their heart for missionaries

~ that the kids have had such a great start to the new school year

~ that Catherine finished Uni well (she hopes!) and gets a bit of a break

Please pray:

~ for Pacifique and Assumpta as they wade through the government requirements for starting an organization and as they raise their own support and support other Rwandan missionaries

~ for wisdom as Pete meets with pastors and church leadership and others involved in sending and supporting missionaries

~ for the preparations for Teens Camp, for a committed leadership team and a positive few weeks of preparation

~ for Sebastian, the potential new teammate we have joining the AIM Rwanda team in about a year, that his support raising and preparations will go well

~ for a restful Christmas break together

We recently enjoyed attending the wedding of our friend Albert to his fiancé Giselle. It's always fun to dress up in traditional dress – Pete was best man and wore the same outfit as the groom!



Fun Fact:

Tubasange means 'let us reach out to them' or 'we come where they are' in Kinyarwanda.