

Look to the hills



Keama enjoying paddleboarding on the calm waters of Lake Kivu, surrounded by the hills of Kumbya, Nyamasheke District

Some highlights:

- Teens Camp 2019
- Christmas break
- Back to school
- Launching a new camp!

Christmas break and back to school...

Hard to believe Teens Camp and our Christmas break have come and gone and we are back to a 'normal' routine. The kids and I started back at school last week while Pete headed to Uganda to attend AIM's regional leadership meetings.

We enjoyed a few days away with

friends at Kibogora and Kumbya, on Lake Kivu just before Christmas. We stayed on for Christmas after our friends headed back to Kigali. It was great to get out of the city and spend some time together as a family and on the water. It was so rejuvenating to be out in nature.

Family news...

Pete was able to have some time out and get some much needed rest over Christmas, but hit the ground running with meetings in Uganda and he will be leading 5th Grade Camp for KICS this week. Makena, Keama and I also had a great break, enjoying the water, kayaking and paddleboarding and having some time-out from 'gadgets'. We finished our Christmas break with a weekend in Huye with friends. We especially enjoyed walking in the forest there.

The kids are glad to be back at school and enjoying JTerm – 2 weeks of fun, beyond-the-classroom activities.

4th grade learn all about running a business and then market, produce and sell friendship bracelets in small teams – Keama applied and was appointed CEO of his team! Makena is learning all about survival techniques and first aid and is feeding her passion for all things Marvel by learning about the origins of comic book superheroes. They'll both jump back into regular classes mid-January. I help out as needed during JTerm, including helping Pete with 5th Grade Camp, before I too get back into a regular routine. Both Pete and I will start back at Uni in March.

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.”

~ 2 Corinthians 4:16



Enjoying a walk through the forest with friends in Huye, Southern Province



Pete and Nobless at his commissioning service

Introducing....

Noblesse is a Rwandan missionary who has a heart from the Laarim people of South Sudan. Noblesse spent 2 years working with an AIM team in a Laarim community but he had to return home to build his support base.

Noblesse is one of the first missionaries that Tubasange is supporting. His sending church is Gospel Community Church (the small church that we attended before the church closures) where he is their first 'official' missionary!

Support raising has been a difficult journey for Noblesse. GCC is such a small church they are unable to significantly contribute to his financial support, but they do what they can. As mentioned previously, few churches see the value or

significance of sending missionaries, and therefore few individuals in the church understand the significance of supporting one financially. Often families struggle to accept an individual's desire to be a missionary instead of having a 'real' job and earning a good wage so they can contribute back into the family, so even support from family can be difficult to raise.

After a year of hard work raising his support, Noblesse has finally been cleared to return to South Sudan. He will re-join the AIM team and spend another 2 years in the Laarim community. He had his commissioning service over the weekend and will leave this week. Please pray for him as he adjusts back to village life.

Teens Camp

Teens Camp 2019 went well. All in all 67 campers attended from schools and churches around the country. It was a time of connection and learning and new relationships. One of our camp directors shared this story:

"There was one girl who came from a muslim family, who is the niece of one of our staff members. She came to receive Christ and not only that, she was serious. She was hungry to know more about Jesus and was wise and cautious when asking about false prophets, because she felt like her whole life those were the prophets presented to her. The most fascinating part of her story is that her father sent her to this camp knowing full well it was a Christian camp, and he said to his brother, our staff member, if she gets saved all the better. Her father was about to leave Islam."

And from one of our campers:

"I don't even wanna go back [home] 'cause I had the best times of my life. I pray that everyone will get the blessing to be here. My spirituality has increased...I won't turn back anymore and I am going to be just like you, I will change the people around me like you changed me...I will also pray that God will make you stronger and grow in your ministry."



Teens Camp 2019



Teens Camp leadership team

Every camp we are amazed and encouraged by the way young people get to meet God in a new and different environment. 39 of these young people gave their lives to Christ this Teens Camp and we are rejoicing. Rejoice with us.

Coming up....

Pete and the 3DCC Committee are in the midst of planning for a new camp! There have been many, many requests for another camp from those who have already attended. We generally limit attendance to once each for Teens and Forma camps because there is so much demand, but those who've been once want to come back. Tentative plans are in place to run a camp over the Easter break – it'll be open to anyone, probably shorter than the usual 9 days, have a different theme but it'll still be a lot of fun. We are looking forward to seeing how it turns out.

Thank you for all you do to support us and this ministry,
Peter, Catherine,
Makena and Keama

Praise God:

- ~ that Teens camp went really well
- ~ for the 39 who have joined the family of Christ
- ~ for a restful Christmas break
- ~ that Nobless has been able to raise his financial support
- ~ for Jubilee's new family

Please continue to pray:

- ~ for Pacifique and Assumpta and the registration of Tubasange
- ~ for wisdom as Pete meets with pastors and church leadership and others involved in sending and supporting missionaries
- ~ for a team to run the worship and kids' program for Kumbya Conference

Please pray:

- ~ for the teens who gave their lives to Christ at camp, that they would grow in knowledge and love for Him
- ~ for Noblesse as he settles back into life and ministry in South Sudan
- ~ for the Easter camp, for the planning and preparations
- ~ for Jubilee, Kelly and Celo as they adjust to being a family and for Jubilee to heal from the hurt she has experienced



Some of you may remember Jubilee? We fostered her for a couple of months in 2018. We found out the heartbreaking news earlier this year that her extended family who took her in was struggling to cope and she was deteriorating physically and emotionally. Exciting news is that friends of ours have been able to adopt her. Please pray for all of them as they adjust, and that the hurts Jubilee has experienced in her short life would be healed.



Fun Fact:

In Kinyarwanda the words for 'family' and 'door' are spelled the same but pronounced slightly differently.