

November Prayer Points

Where would I be if I didn't believe I would experience the Lord's favour in the land of the living? Rely on the Lord! Be strong and confident! Rely on the Lord!

Psalm 27:13-14

19th November 2015



On November 7th at 'Closing Day' the P6 class of 2015 graduated - this was Fruits of Hope Academy's third closing day. The P6 children sat for their national exams and are now anxiously awaiting their results.

The Block...

For those non Aussies reading this, we have a show in Australia called 'The Block' where they have (often) a block of apartments and they have a set time to completely renovate them. Well I feel a little like I have been working on 'the block' to have a house completely ready for a some friends to come and visit for seven weeks. Just three weeks out from when they were due to arrive, the house was pretty much a shell inside, with no money to complete it and no chance of having it finished before time. There were a few options considered and short story is that with the landlord's help we made it more than liveable. The first picture is of the kitchen when I first saw it three weeks ago, and as you can see it progressed fairly nicely to a very western looking kitchen, that I was able to fill with some supplies for them to get through their first 24hours or so.



I so want to live here...

So my friends are here for seven weeks and then after they have left Alex the Landlord has the opportunity to rent his house out. With the idea of me moving in, after they have gone, together, we have bought small and large items thinking I would be using them long term. Things such as double bed mattresses, a fridge, a lounge, coffee table etc. The only minor detail is that this is a three bedroom (albeit small bedroom) house opposite the church and school, perfect really for what I would be needing, except that Alex has mentioned that someone has offered him \$650 a month for twelve months and my budget for accommodation was originally set at \$450 - so I'm \$200 short a month, should I be able to move in here. Some sleepless nights - yes - some prayerful nights - yes - some wishful thinking - yes. It seems that the area of Gisozi is similar to Sydney and the prices of real estate are just getting higher and higher. We have only found old run down places for \$900 - \$1400 - no brand new places for \$600. I ask that you join with me in praying that I am able to make a wise decision on how to discern wisely on spending the money I have been blessed to have in my bank account and finding a place I can call 'home' and start my life in Rwanda.

Some Praise Points for November...

- Thankyou to each and everyone of you who stopped, cared and prayed for sweet little Brianna and Bernice who were both hospitalised with Malaria last week. Both girls are now home and their parents have caught up on some sleep - praise God.
- I'm thankful that I was able to attend the Global Leadership Summit in Rwanda, it was a great day of teaching, I bought the USB and hope to share it with the Teachers at our teacher development training at school in January.
- I am also thankful that I have maintained good health over the three months that I have been here.
- Fred's mentor David Freeman from the UK came to visit for a week last week and we just got on so incredibly well. He knows Freds vision, heart and passion and the three of us seemed to be a well oiled machine. I spent a day with him and his wealth of knowledge is impeccable.
- The School closing day was such a success, and it didn't rain until we were just about done.

And some Prayer Points for November...

- My housing situation, ideally I would love to have a house where I could be hospitable and have friends come and stay with me. I invited some friends over for dinner here last weekend, but we don't have any chairs for anyone to sit on, so my guests had to sit on the floor!
- My finances to pay for an appropriate house. At the moment my support is sitting at 60%, should that creep up closer to 100% maybe I could afford the \$600 house.
- Tomorrow and Friday I am helping Fred lead 70 kids who have left Fruits of Hope and are now in Senior School. Fred would like to continue mentoring these kids through their teenage years as they go through Senior School and so I am leading some training on 'making Godly decisions' and 'What Character Trait do you desire'. I'm pulling out some old youth group and Girls' Brigade activities and experiences and I just hope that the Rwandan culture will suite some of the planned activities to exaggerate the point.
- Also on Friday afternoon I am starting a ten week training course for teaching Sunday school teachers with my iteams team.