
September Prayer Points

There has been much to praise God for this month...

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A quick prayer review of September before I write Blackieonamission for September.

Praise God I was able to greet my home church team at Kigali airport on Saturday 5th September, after 30 hours of travelling they all arrived safe and well.

It was early Sunday morning, the morning of Father's Day in Australia when I was woken up at 3:34am to what sounded like an intoxicated housemate who sounded verbally abusive and making threats that made me feel uncomfortable. By 3pm the following day it was clear to me with the wise council of friends from Australia that I needed to move out. So two friends and my Mum and I packed up my things and moved out of the house I thought was going to be called my 'home' - I stayed with the CBC team for the following two weeks and what a blessing that was to be with them. The team left again on Friday and I have been staying with another friend in the same community as Fred and the school. It is a fairly long story but



she graciously took me in and said I was more than welcome to stay with her until I found more permanent accommodation - again I praise God to be staying with a Christian. I am prayerful however that the right accommodation in a safe community will become available and I can set up my home permanently. I have moved three times in three weeks!

It was only three days later and I shared my 40 something birthday with my church family in Rwanda at a restaurant called 'heaven' - and what a hoot it was - such a refreshing day that took the events of the previous three days well out of my mind. It was a blessing too to have my Mum share this birthday with me in Rwanda. I give much thanks to God on my birthday for my two year missionary visa was approved and handed to me on the 9th of September - what a birthday present confirmation that my being in country was actually His will and His plans are bigger than any bad housemate.

A quote from Fred Buyinza the Principal of Fruits of Hope Academy was that the CBC team come to Rwanda and are now like old brooms in that they know every corner of the school and they can organise themselves and get the job done, meaning that he as Principal is free to do his own work and not baby sit a team. So that was a nice compliment for our team. Praise God for a low maintenance easy team that all got in and got the job done.

I have caught up with some mzungu (white friends) over here, some Australian and some Canadian, I said after spending a day with them that it felt like I said goodbye to one family on Friday and I got to know a new family on Saturday and Sunday, so I'm thankful that relationships can be renewed and new friendships can be formed.

Today I went with Fred and we opened a new USD bank account, this seemed to be quite an easy task to fulfil, so I guess now I just hope it all works.

I start work next Monday 28th September....

Fred has been very gracious in his understanding of boundaries and absorbing myself into Rwandan life and culture, he knew before I left Australia that my Visa was a tourist Visa and I was not allowed to work on a tourist Visa, even last week when I asked him if I could help him do something at school - he shook his long black finger at me and said, "Nooooo - not until the 28th!!" So my new every day and every week will start next week, it's a teensy bit unsettling not being in my own place to know what that really looks like but it is what it is and I know it will all turn out ok.

Oh yes the team left and it was far more emotional than I ever was leaving Sydney - for some crazy reason the team leader decided to play a heart wrenching song by Michael .W. Smith - I cant remember the name of the song but there was barely a dry eye. So yes it was sad when the CBC team left and I was here on my own - yet totally not on my own as I feel such a sense of belonging to the Gisozi community and the extended family of Fred who have all shown me hospitality and love.

So in brief some praise points.....

- Praise God that, although I was scared and traumatised by an unsavoury incident I was ok and protected. I give thanks that my own church team was here and many of them shared their own wisdom into the circumstances and were more than happy to see me move out of that environment.
- Praise God for such a competent CBC team who worked so well at Fruits of Hope Academy.
- Praise God for my Visa that came through seemingly easy.
- Praise God for some new friendships forming in the new land I now call my home.

And some prayer points....

- I learnt to seek God in all decisions - not just the seemingly difficult ones, although I do need to master this a LOT more!
 - An affordable home - preferably furnished in the Gisozi community so I can save on transport costs.
 - That my bank account will also be a smooth 'transaction' once it is up and working.
 - For continued relationships with the Teachers of Fruits of Hope Academy next week once I start working alongside them.
 - That any home sickness (not that I'd tell you anyway) is just an urban myth!

Murakoze Cyane - Thankyou very much for being faithful prayer partners - it's a blessing to know there are people literally all around the world praying for little ole me in Rwanda - be blessed for being a blessing. Much love Michele xo