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# September Prayer Points

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*Aaaah to have your toes in the sand at the beach again - 13 months was way too long not to be at the beach!*

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## Psalms 139

Twice last week on the same day I was reminded about the intimacy of God knowing our every being and thought, and so was prompted to once again read Psalm 139...

*You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise;  
you perceive my thoughts from afar.  
You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.  
Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.  
You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
too lofty for me to attain.  
Psalm 139:1-6*



## Praise Points

Last Thursday the 29th September our friend Juliette whom I mentioned last prayer letter gave birth to a healthy baby girl and we give praise that although her time in a local hospital was somewhat frustrating, she had a successful delivery of her baby.

Last month I also told you about Lea who had cerebral malaria - she thanks you all for your prayers and she is much improved - definitely back to her old self again.

The P6 children of Fruits of Hope Academy had their mock National Examinations and while one of the girls was physically sick with nerves, overall they achieved well and now work hard towards their National Exams in only 5 weeks away.

I had my time away in Mauritius and I loved every minute of it - it was so refreshing to put my toes in the ocean once again, to swim with the dolphins, to eat sickly sweet things, to shop, to have a hot full pressured shower, a whole nights sleep and so the list goes on. Now I have a taste of what one weeks holiday was like - I best find out how to use the other three weeks!

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While I was away Flora stayed with a friend at night and with our Nanny Lea during the day and on all accounts everything worked more than smoothly - so I thank you for your prayer for Flora as well, it was nice to see her again and hear her squeal and giggle with delight when I saw her.

I have been teaching the reception year (3 year olds) a Christmas song and they have learnt it so well - they love it. My prayer now is that their teachers will develop the idea of Christmas and educate the children to the idea that the very best thing about Christmas is 'Jesus' - as they yell during the song!

## Prayer Points

In September I was asked if I would foster a 3 year old girl who's Mother was struggling with alcohol abuse and her Father was abusive towards the Mother. While my heart aches for this little girl, I did not feel any call from God to take this little one in. It is a very different scenario to Flora and the lack of a 'system' here to protect the child or a foster carer is pretty much non-existent. So I just continue to pray for her and her safety and well being and I give thanks to God for wisdom and discernment and listening to His still small voice and the call He has on my time here in Rwanda.

The first photo is of a friend of mine, Erin - she turned 30 while she was here in Rwanda visiting me. I taught Erin when she was 5 in Girls' Brigade and she has grown up in my church at home. 11 years ago Erin came to visit me in Mozambique when she did an internship for missions for 3 months. It was so nice to catch up with Erin and see her in Africa again - you just never know the seeds you sow and how they are valued and are then reaped. She still talks to me after all these years when I got her lost on a Girls' Brigade hike as an 8 year old! Please remember Erin in your prayers as she goes home to England and processes all that she experienced in Rwanda.

Speaking of Interns, International teams have two interns here, funnily enough for three months. I have briefly had a conversation with them about extending the kids club that was held in July (they are doing it again in November) and to have a focus on separating the girls from the boys and empowering the girls in the kids club. I observed several 12-15 year old girls sitting with their arms folded while the (men) who lead the kids club engaged the boys and did a wonderful job. So please pray that together the three of us can come up with some ideas to engage the girls and lead them into godly living at kids club later in the year in November.

And speaking of International teams - our team is small and we are looking for new team mates so if you might feel called to mission and are not sure where to go - then why not pray about visiting Rwanda or even staying for a bit!

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I have had many visitors just recently - seven weeks straight in fact - my Mum and niece are here at the moment and I thank God that He has sustained me in the busyness of hosting friends and family. Both Flora and I would value your prayers for getting back to a somewhat 'normal' routine once everyone has gone again. We do love visitors though and we wouldn't change it for the world - when are you coming?