
February Prayer Points

Devote yourselves to prayer being watchful and thankful - Colossians 4:2

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Lea, Flora's Nanny



Learning mathematics



J.Lynn's Cafe

Life is Fragile huh...

Last Thursday while I was on a viber call to Australia, we had a bad storm coming across and I jumped up, left my friend hanging on the phone and brought my washing in - because when it rains it really rains. I didn't think another thing about that storm and finished my conversation to Australia. That was, until the next morning when I went to 'body and soul' - a Christian exercise group, where they start with prayer. One of the ladies shared that her house helps next door neighbour and his child died in that storm when the roof of their house collapsed and killed them both. Life can be fragile.

On Tuesday this week I came home at 5pm and greeted Flora and asked Lea how her day was. She replied, "very bad" - I was thinking oh no Flora has started teething and this perfect baby is going to start causing me grief! I asked why was it very bad - she said that her brother had died at 1pm. He was 28 and was suffering from stomach cancer for the past three months. Life can change in a heart beat for those left behind.

Please join me in praying for these two families who are only two of so many more families and stories right across Rwanda and in fact Africa and the world. It can be all consuming taking on everyone's stories, and how we can help them, so we just look at helping one at time - like the little starfish story.

Writing the curriculum is definitely in full swing, we have an outline and are now working on writing the modules. I have had the opportunity to teach some of the modules, which has been helpful to see how they worked. Please pray for clarity of mind as I write and that the curriculum will be one that is understood and accepted well by the Rwandan Education Board.

Some things to praise God for...

My Dad's surgery was a great success and he is (almost) running again - so that is good news, thank you to all who prayed for him.

My Aunty in Perth on the other hand, is making a slow recovery, and is still in hospital and quite confused. They are changing her medicines this week to see if this improves for her.

The new school buildings were in fact complete and ready for the children to start on the first day of school.

We have had some great teacher training sessions this term and it humbles me to see the teachers implement what we teach them one day, and three weeks on they are loving it and can themselves verbalise the change in the children by changing part of their philosophy of teaching from rote learning to child centred learning.

My friend Samantha from Dubai (originally Sydney) came to visit me for a few days. Sam is an ophthalmologist and spotted this little girl Ruth at school with an eye that is not using the correct muscles (my interpretation of a very long name). With Sam's diagnosis, we plan to also take her to the eye clinic and see what they can do for this little one.

I have completed a ten week session of training Sunday School Teachers with iteams and those guys too have taken things on board and are starting to implement some of the things we have learnt - including asking the church for some resources to use with the children for the visual learners!

My team leaders with Iteams have opened a new cafe in a second location and so far it is working well for them. I have been helping in both places on Fridays and the occasional Saturday. They will be back in Canada for June / July and so I need to learn how to have my finger on the pulse for all things 'cafe' when they are away!

I had some visitors in February, a friend from Sydney, Amber and a friend and her daughter from Dubai, Samantha and Catrin. These lovely people actually overlapped in their visiting and we had a full house there for a couple of days. It was nice to hear the Aussie accent again, as well as receive a few special treats from home - makes the longevity feel a little easier and everything they brought was clean and new and good quality!!