
June Prayer Points

And YES it's still June

28 June 2016



My Day thus far...

It's not even 8:30am yet and so this morning, I had no water = no shower / flushing the toilet = welcome to the dry season, no internet (and I had a Skype meeting planned), no airtime to send a text message to say I couldn't make the Skype meeting. So..... I didn't have a shower, got dressed and walked over to school. Once I arrived at school I found out they also do not have internet or power - still no Skype call.



Stay on the Sunny Side..

I think I had decided that today I was going to try and get a prayer newsletter written, as I sat at my desk after the past half hour of frustration I thought today is probably not the best day to write a prayer letter, then I thought - no today is exactly the right day to send a prayer letter out - and you get to hear a little of how jolly frustrating life can be - nothing ever goes to plan A, or even plan C sometimes!

Praise Points - Proverbs 27:17 Iron sharpens iron and one man sharpens another.

- ☪ For Early Childhood Teachers in Australia there is a new system where we must register to keep our qualifications. With the help of my Mum and a dear friend my registration was submitted and accepted - I officially have a document that says I am a 'Competent' Teacher! Why is this a praise point, because when I left Australia I wondered if my qualification would become void and when I returned would I have to pack shelves at night or work in Maccas! It is also a praise point because the RTA requested the original copy of my drivers license, so with a little creative thinking and some wonderful friends, my friend Linda who lives in Rwanda, took my license with her back to Sydney, met up with my Mum who submitted my application and the wonderful Dave returned my license safe and sound yesterday along with my ATM cards. All these official documents we take for granted when you live in your own country.
- ☪ Prince Kamari graduated from high school and Flora and I attended his service. The Kamari's have now left Rwanda and arrived in Canada for two months.
- ☪ Two weeks ago I travelled across Rwanda to a place called Kibuye and visited a school where Iteams sponsors 20 students. Benjamin and I travelled up, attended a meeting with UNHCR and then went to visit the students at the school. This was a very positive interaction and made

the relationship of sponsors much more real for the students. They asked us when we are coming back and Iteams have discussed the possibilities of more frequent visits. (second photo)

- The third photo is of my own boy I sponsored while he was attending school at Fruits of Hope, he is now in Senior 3 and lives at a boarding school. I just love now that he calls me 'Mum', and communicates with me via Facebook and when he is home in Gisozi he always calls in and asks "How is my baby sister doing?" Again the relationship of a sponsor child becomes so much more real when you can be here and share life with the young people. He asked me to take this photo and print it for him to take to school.
- We have two teams from Australia here of friends from years gone by. It has been nice to be able to help them out a little and show them some sides of Rwanda that they have not seen before. They are here for another two weeks and one team here for a month. Six of them came over for pizza and a movie night on Saturday and the whole team of twelve are coming for dinner tomorrow - it will make my house wall to wall people but it will be fun! It's nice to hear the Aussie accent I must say!
- Caitlin is an Iteams gal who moved to Ginger in Uganda just after I arrived. She has come back to Rwanda to help at the cafe while Jen is away. We worked together last Friday and it was a blessing getting to know her a little more.

Prayer Points - Proverbs 19:21 We humans keep brainstorming options and plans, but God's purpose always prevails.

- For me to practice grace and patience in all things Africa - no water / power / internet / airtime etc! On top of that there is also the never ending breaking of things, in 10 months I have three kettles that all leak and break eventually. My current kettle is leaking at the moment and I do wonder will I electrocute myself - only when the power is on mind you! Nothing here is made of good quality and when you speak to the locals they all say - "It's made in China!"
- Back in May I registered to vote for the upcoming Australian election. I am still yet to receive my voting papers with the Australian Government promised would be here by the 25th June but only sent an email to say they had been posted on the 23rd June. Should I receive a fine for not voting I am not too concerned as I have an email of my registration to vote so I should be exempt - another reason I need a PA!
- Fred and Bishop James is supposed to be travelling to Australia on Thursday, (Today in Tuesday). Yesterday Bishop James received an email stating that his Visa has been declined. I picked up the ambassadors business card at an Anzac service and emailed her - somewhat to no avail. There is a team from Australia here and they are trying to sort it for him. Fred has not heard anything about his as yet.
- For me to network with some new expats while all my usual 'go to peeps' have left me here. Although in actual fact, what I thought would be a three months of friendship fast, will only be a month and with teams from Australia here may only be a week or two!