
PRAYER POINTS

Straight off a very long flight...



It's always a delight to hear from home and receive news and encouragement. This week I was deleting some old emails and came across these two, as part of a encouraging emails...

To read your newsletters, is SO inspiring to persevere in kingdom pursuits. What the Lord is doing through you, and your companions in faith, for education and loving, is truly beautiful.

Flora shines as a beautiful promise of the Lord's deep love for you. What a mother you are. I get a bit teary to read of your relationship with her. Yours and Flora's relationship is a ministry to others, all of its own. I pray you are able to bring her with you to Aus. Please Lord!

Just as an encouragement, I just met a young woman, Nepali in her early 20's who was adopted by a Swedish Missionary over 20 years ago. Back then, the persistence of her Mum and the prayer support of many around the world made a change in law (or better an exception to the law) possible so that her Mum could leave the country with her. So God is hearing you and we need to stand with you as we know 'our fight is not against flesh and blood' be blessed with calmness and at the same time fierceness where needed.

**There was joy all round
and yes there may
have a been a little tear
or two....she was
happy to have a
squidgy hug all the
same!**

Praise Points...

- ✳ My time in Australia, while it was short, was very productive and enjoyable.
- ✳ Flora was loved and cared for and seems to be a happy well adjusted 23 month old!
- ✳ I spoke in three Churches over four Sundays and was embraced in each service and protected on the roads with long travel commitments.
- ✳ My house in Rwanda is in order and we were able to move straight back in - (even if we didn't have water for the first two weeks - but we have that sorted now)
- ✳ The Rwandan Government lifted the Ban on Intercountry Adoptions while I was in Australia. This is a massive step forward as the ban has been in place for nine years. My lawyer told Fred that the letter I wrote to the Minister for Families carried weight in making this decision. Im not exactly sure about that but I am just happy to see positive steps of moving forward.
- ✳ The Australian High Commissioner has been proactive in his communication to the authorities in Rwanda and has cautioned me to just be patient and wait for a resolution.
- ✳ I just love my bible study girls and doing life with a toddler makes 10am church almost impossible, so I am grateful that I am being fed and doing community and life through my bible study.



Charles my driver had better watch out - there's a new up and coming driver in the house!

Prayer Points...

- ✳ That Fred and I (neither of whom are administratively minded) can put together a curriculum that is competency based and then write a Concept Paper.
- ✳ That the college building will be complete in time for accreditation of the curriculum to be approved.
- ✳ I can execute patience in my waiting to hear from the Rwandan authorities in regards to our story of adoption, and needing documents to travel and therefore apply for an Australian Visa. Also that I can have wisdom in 'what next' - do I sit and wait or do I become pro active and continue my plight?
- ✳ Re-entering into school and the expat community after being away, there are some new faces and new contacts to interact with.
- ✳ Having 'staff' in your house is not the romantic idea as it sounds, I need patience and grace some days especially when carelessness and lack of initiative are involved, pray that I can tame my tongue and show love and grace across the cultural barriers.

'Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.'