
PRAYER POINTS

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I Am With You and For You

I AM WITH YOU AND FOR YOU. When you decide on a course of action that is in line with My will, nothing in heaven or on earth can stop you. You may encounter many obstacles as you move toward your goal, but don't be discouraged—never give up! With My help, you can overcome any obstacle. Do not expect an easy path as you journey hand in hand with Me, but do remember that I, your *very-present Helper*, am omnipotent.

Much, much stress results from your wanting to make things happen before their times have come. One of the main ways I assert My sovereignty is in the timing of events. If you want to stay close to Me and do things My way, ask Me to show you the path forward moment by moment. Instead of dashing headlong toward your goal, let Me set the pace. Slow down, and enjoy the journey in My Presence.

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?
—ROMANS 8:31

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though its waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling. —PSALM 46:1-3 NKJV

"For nothing is impossible with God." —LUKE 1:37

On December 20th we received our official adoption papers and so on the 21st of December started the long and arduous task of applying for a passport for Flora.

The story gets long and very complicated so I shall spare you the details except to say we still do not have a passport. I have read this daily reading from Jesus Calling many times over - a friend shared it with me on what was the most perfect day for me to read it and I have read it time and time again.

To this day I have no doubt that I was meant to love and care for Flora and not a day has passed us by where I don't believe that. My hearts desire, is, of course to bring her to Sydney, and at this stage it seems like it may only happen by the grace of God and a miracle that the Minister for

Families will write the required document and see, for the mental health of this baby girl she needs to be with her Mother and not feel abandoned by a second Mother when I return to Australia. This is, however, our greatest prayer point for now, one which we have been praying with ceasing and would welcome you and your home churches to join with us and pray for a miracle that we can get a passport for Miss Flora. We had to decline a wedding in Uganda in July because she is unable to travel.

PRAISE POINTS

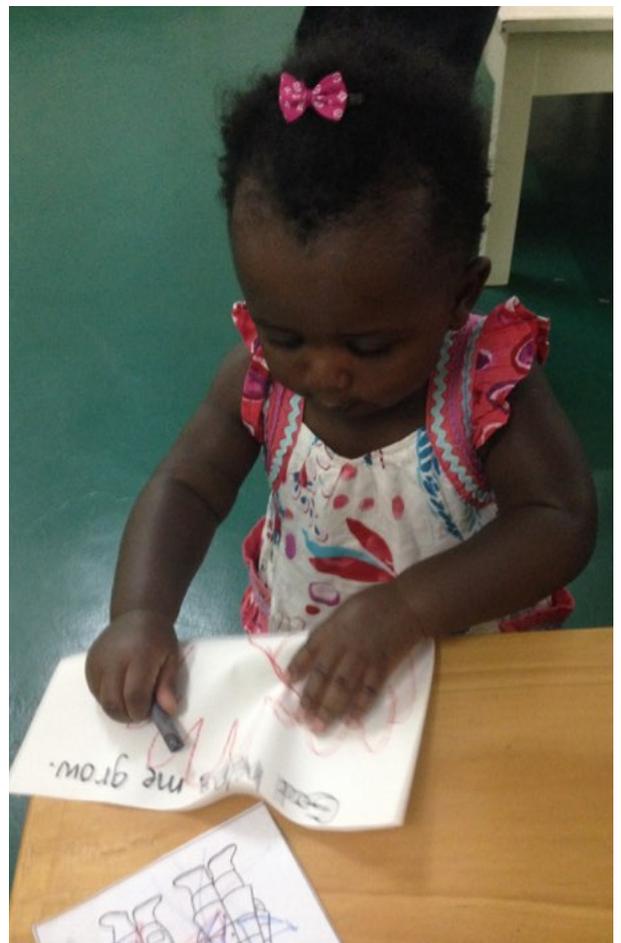
- Fred and I presented the Curriculum for training teachers of 0-6years to the Rwandan Education Board and while we both came out a little confused and unsure of what they were really saying we are not discouraged. We will continue to work on the document and now add detail to the outline and present it again in due time.
- We have had some teams come to visit us this year already, a team of Interns from Australia, a School from Dubai working on their Duke of Edinburgh's award and a member care visit from International Teams. It's always fun to host people and share with them some of the Rwandan

culture. With one of the teams we went to visit their sponsor boys house and it was certainly an eye opening experience. 13 children in one small mud brick house.

- I have immersed myself into my bible study group and the ex pat world and I am really enjoying some 'White' friends around me. I have started seeing them outside of just bible study and it has been my saving grace during quite a stressful season.
- We have also started going to much more mixed cultured church where they have a Sunday school for 2-3year olds. We gate crash and Flora loves the songs, the colouring in and the games - and guess who has been teaching!
- Flora and I have been so healthy while many around us have been suffering from Ameba's due to the crazy water situation of being on one day and off the next.
- Teacher Training at school has been fantastic this term, we are following a ten week course based on the word 'Excellence' which is our theme for the year. So I wrote a ten week training course for each letter, focussing on Energy, Xpectations, Courageous, Exemplaty, Linguistics, Love, Engage, Nurture, Care and Encourage.

THE GREAT UNKNOWN....

In an ideal world I would be leaving Rwanda on or around the 25th August, and returning to Sydney until about January. Because of the great unknown of Flora's passport, the length of time I spend in Sydney will depend on whether or not Flora is able to travel with me. If she should have to stay in Rwanda then I will shorten the amount of time to just weeks, according to some very gracious friends (who may be reading this!).



Thank you once again for showing an interest in our life and our adventures here in Rwanda, we can still say we have loved every day - even with bureaucracy, no water, frustrating wifi, limited sleep (although we have had three nights straight of 8 hours - happy days!) - it has truly been a blessing to be here and do the work we have been involved with.

Much love Michele and Flora xo

