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Catering for a Womens Conference....

As many of you know I am here with International Teams who run a cafe here in Kigali - J.Lynnes.

The cafe also has the opportunity to cater for larger events, and in early March there was a Women's event at one of the local churches that we provided salads and desserts for. The lady on my left (your right) is Jennifer, who runs the cafe and empowers vulnerable women who work for her. The lady on my right (your left) is Kathy who is also with International Teams, from Australia, living in The Netherlands and she came to share life with us for a week in March.



TEACHER TRAINING CONTINUES

Every Wednesday afternoon we have Teacher Development training.



FLORA'S PASSPORT

We continue to wait patiently - no news yet - you will certainly hear about it when we do. We are waiting to hear back from the Minister for Families.



100 DAYS MOURNING

Rwanda is in 100 days of Mourning at the moment, starting on April 7th to remember the genocide of 1994.



The Baton Relay

The Baton for the Commonwealth Games in Australia 2018 passed through Rwanda - also a Commonwealth Country - so I got to hold it one week after the Queen herself!



Anzac Day

Rwanda acknowledged Anzac Day and I also attended a lovely 'Dusk' service and enjoyed some meat pies for dinner!



Easter Came and Went

Someone became quite partial to having chocolate for breakfast!

EXCELLENCE....

Our theme at school this year is 'Excellence'.

I am not sure how this happened but, with God's grace, I was some how able to come up with a ten week training course on 'Excellence' and I have to say it was fantastic and fun as we trained the teachers each week. The areas we covered for Teachers of Excellence include:-

Energetic, Xpectations, Courageous, Exemplary, Linguistics, Love, Engage, Nurture, Care, Encourage.

The teachers were all given a raw egg and had to 'Nurture' the egg for a week, first making a safe place for the egg to live in - here is Teacher Paul proudly showing his baby egg! They had to keep the egg with them for the week, getting an egg sitter if they couldn't look after it and keep a diary of their week with the egg.



White Dove Girls School...

At the beginning of term 1. I was invited to White Dove Girls School to play some games with the girls for them to 'get to know' each other. In March, I was invited back to play games again with them, as their founders from USA were visiting and they wanted games to help the girls and the visitors 'mix'. Who would

have thought all those years ago my Camp Echo Trail and Girls' Brigade games would come in handy in Rwanda!



Kwibuka - Never Again...

In the early hours of April 7th 1994, one of the worlds greatest atrocities started when over 100 days more than 1 Million people were murdered through torture and rape. I visited the Genocide Memorial this week and noticed that the flame was lit.

Rwanda is in her period of remembering, there are many walks to Remember and many people reflecting on life of the past but joyfully looking to a bright future too. I heard this year of some of the Teachers at Fruits of Hope who are survivors and were only young children in 1994, losing their entire families, growing up as orphans and now Teaching the next generations of Rwandans.



Our First Easter Egg Hunt

We had such a great Easter Sunday with lunch at a friends house followed by an Easter Egg Hunt at another friends house in the afternoon.

Complete with bucket in hand, it didn't take Flora long to work out those little plastic eggs had precious treats inside them that were far more appealing! She toddled around the yard collecting eggs and carefully placing them in her bucket!



When the big kids get to go horse riding, you may as well look gorgeous as you eat your vegemite sandwich! The hammock chairs were a very safe place because those big horses were a little scary for a little girl!



Who doesn't have fun in a ball pit? We were a little unsure at first but warmed up as time went on.

Towards the end of April as I walked to school one day I noticed that the foundations of the Teacher Training College were being transformed. Bricks were being laid and the walls of the college have started to go up! Apparently the bricks are on 'loan' until Revival Palace Ministries can afford to pay for them, but they are in place for now. Fred's Vision of a Teacher Training College is coming to fruition, with a curriculum written and now walls are in place for the building.



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I need to return to Australia later this year, I may or may not have Miss Flora with me, but I have a few things I need to organise and have to return. I may not stay as long as I had originally planned, if Flora is not travelling with me - I will therefore be returning to Rwanda for at least another year.

I will need to consider my finances for returning to Rwanda and implementing the curriculum which I have written. My day to day budget will have changed though, as I continue to support Flora and pay for a full time Nanny, and eventually a day or two in day care. I will also eventually look at relocating to a house on a bitumen road with a backyard.

If you feel you could support us through finances with either a one off or a longer term commitment please visit blackieonamission.com. Bless you!



