

# REALITY BITES

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## I'm coming home...

So, where is home actually? When both Rwanda and Australia are referred to as 'home' - I am coming 'home' but also can't wait to be back 'home' with my little girl!

I have officially booked and paid for tickets and will arrive in Australia somewhere between 22nd August and 25th September. Already my calendar is filling up with administrative appointments as my time is short. In an ideal world I would have come 'home' for four months or so, to allow time to relax, rejuvenate and refresh as well as do all the 'jobs'. For me it will be a very quick visit to get jobs done and catch up with family and friends.

## Stay Tuned...

If you are in Sydney - then stay tuned and I shall inform you of some dates. I may plan to spend a day in one spot and you can come and join me as you have time available. I will also only be home for five Sundays and already four of those will possibly be filled visiting other Churches.

I have been blessed with friends who have offered for me to stay in their house in Cronulla from 3rd - 25th September.



## No we are not walking along the tarmac hand in hand...

*Unfortunately, on this trip, Flora and I will not be walking along the tarmac, hand in hand, together to board a flight to Australia. For this very quick trip home, I do have to leave my little 'twonager' bundle of joy in Rwanda. As heart breaking as that is for both of us, it is what must happen this time - and YES I do cry a lot, when I think about having to leave her so very far away, so we ask that you will respect our story and my privacy when I am in Australia.*





## So what do I do?

No - I do not build, nor do I assist in the building of a training college! This is however the Teacher Training college where I will one day be teaching out of.

I, on the other hand, sit in an office and tap away on this here computer as I write training materials to be developed at the college you can see being built. There are not - too many - no not any photos of me doing this day to day.

And once the materials are written then there is another whole process which, like lots of things, takes time - and lots of it, where you need to visit and meet with Government officials, not just once but many times over as the goal posts get changed and stretched. These kind of days simply - take time, yet are hard to articulate - 'what I actually do'.

I am also training teachers 'unofficially' too, every Wednesday afternoon I lead Teacher Training and am testing some of the materials I have written for the college to see if they 'work' and are culturally appropriate - this too takes 'time' as I write and prepare - and really I am only at school three days a week. Why am I only at school three days a week - because, for the last two years, I share my time with International Teams. When I return to Rwanda this will change as I will no longer be with International Teams and will be able to have all my time spent at the school and working on the college work.

## Blackieonamission..

For the past two years I have been able to live and work in Rwanda due to the generosity of people like yourselves. Whether you have supported me, just by reading my long newsletters and laughing at my misfortunes of no water, or you have vigilantly been praying for Flora and I, or whether you have contributed financially. I could not have been able to stay here for two years without the support of people like you! As I come 'home' for a short time, I may not have the opportunity to see all of you due to location to thank you personally - so please accept this as an 'electronic', yet heart felt thank you for being in our corner for the past two years.

To allow the work that I have been doing in Rwanda to continue, the reality is with an increase of prices in Rwanda, I need to raise my financial support - and of course that is the hardest thing about living overseas! I think I'd rather no water than having to ask friends to consider a monthly financial commitment to allow Flora and I to live safely here in Rwanda. At the moment - this is her backyard, a concrete wall next to an open drain that attracts mosquitos. My ideal would be to move house where she could have a grassy backyard to play in, but to gain the grassy backyard that would be an increase in my monthly living expenses. When I signed to live where I am living, I didn't have a toddler with great physical needs to run and play outside - it was just me - and a drain I could cope with!



Flora and I plan to live in Rwanda for at least another two year commitment and invite you to partner with us in this adventure - and if you feel you could contribute something - large or small - once a month or as a one off then please visit [blackieonamission.com](http://blackieonamission.com) and please know how incredibly grateful we are to have you join us!