

PRAYER / PRAISE POINTS

Kumbya - 8 days at a Missionaries retreat - and we're booked in for next year!



Not being able to bring her to Australia, I thought I'd never have the opportunity to see her joy as she jumped over the waves, collected shells, looked for crabs or built sand castles. This past week we did (nearly) all that and more and it brought so much joy to my mother heart to watch her have what I know as a 'normal' childhood.

Praise Points

- Flora and I had a fantastic week, four hours out of Kigali with 117 other missionary families and their children. The season, as a toddlers Mum doesn't always allow for sitting and absorbing every word from the speaker, but I certainly did hear enough which was great!
- This morning I submitted my application to renew my two year Visa, after much preparation and research on the issue - my plan was to make only one visit to the Immigration office - my plan was well executed and I now have a tracking number and wait for my Visa to be renewed before I leave, in two weeks today. Actually I can't leave at this point as Immigration has my passport with them too!
- Flora will be staying with two families while I am away and while I know that may or may not be ideal, I know she will have an enriching experience in both households. So nice to know you have friends who genuinely care and want to help where they can.

My Mum is a paddler and takes kids paddling down at Woronora all the time. She is coming back to Rwanda with me in September, so stay tuned - there may be more paddling with Nanna!

- Some friends have offered me to stay at their place in Cronulla, Sydney for September while they are away - I am thankful for the opportunity to have somewhere to stay and hopefully host a visitor or two!
- Lea my Nanny was away for two weeks with Malaria and is now much much better - thank you for praying for her. Praise God that Flora and I have been so well for the whole two years.

Prayer Points

- I will be traveling to Australia without my little Flora-Belle, please pray for a positive separation and that Flora settles into her 'foster' family homes easily and with great content in her heart. Please pray against any long term trauma that she may feel and that our reunion will be a positive one.
- For me - it is all bitter sweet, as I leave my daughter and meet some wonderful friends for a few days of rest and relaxation before heading to Sydney.
- I know once I hit the ground it Sydney it will be busy busy busy, with already the first three Mondays full with 'meetings', some appointments have already been made, visiting various churches and leaving little time for latte's!
- This coming Friday Rwanda has it's Presidential Elections and you pretty much can't go anywhere without seeing Red, White and Blue ribbons, posters, banners, flags etc. Please remember Rwanda on Friday and pray for a peaceful outcome of the elections.
- I won't give up believing that Flora may one day have the same rights as other children and be allowed to travel with her family. As we wait for a decision from the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Co-operation, please pray with me that I can be obedient to what God has called me to do and know His will for us even during this uncertain experience.



There's always that one kid who steals the lime light and distracts the speaker - right! I never thought it would one day be mine that did that! I think she is thinking, why isn't he using that drum as a drum - I've got the sticks ready to play it!



Well, I guess I can safely say - see you soon! I am thoroughly looking forward to seeing family and friends all over again, I am looking forward to walking through the shops or down the street and not being looked at or asked for money - I am looking forward to just 'blending in'. I am looking forward to a hot shower where the water doesn't run out, to walking barefoot on carpet, to driving on the 'correct' side of the road - walking in the water with sand through my toes, eating an ice-cream and letting it run down my arm - drinking out of the tap - the list goes on and on! Sydney - here I come!

Thankyou as always for remembering us in prayer, we always value your prayers, your thoughts, your messages - bless you xo