

JANUARY / FEBRUARY '18



PRAYER POINTS

Thank you for praying with us and joining us on this journey, we call life in Rwanda!



NEW PLAY GROUND EQUIPMENT

Thank You to CBC Team

With the Vision of Fruits of Hope Academy Nursery section being a centre of excellence, there was a desire to purchase some playground equipment. A vision and a desire is often accompanied by a low budget. When the vision was shared with the CBC team of 2017 and they had some of their fundraising money available, it brought much joy to the Principal and the children alike to be able to 'play' outside on their new equipment. Thank you Caringbah Baptist Church!

THE KINGS COLLEGE

It seems I couldn't find a photo of the college - watch this space!

The actual building is presently at a stand still, due to limited funds. It is hopeful that we will open and start classes next school term, which is the end of April.

I have been busy, however, writing application forms, student handbooks, code of conducts etc all as part of the College administration to be ready to open when the time is right!, Is this my gifting - absolutely not - please pray that what I am working on will be worthwhile and that we will ultimately find an office administrator to work at the College by the time of opening.



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TEACHER DEVELOPMENT



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As per the past two years I am still enjoying my time training Teachers at Fruits of Hope Academy...

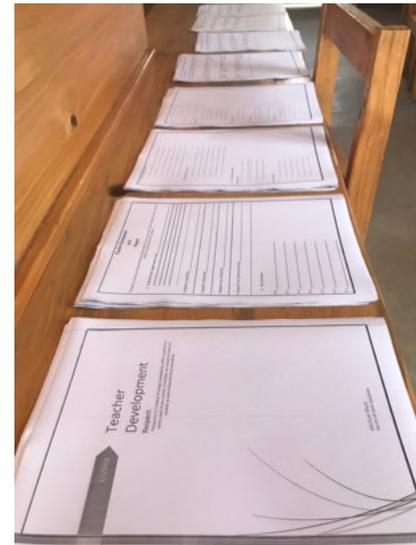
Every Wednesday afternoon I have the privilege of sharing a little of my knowledge from teaching for 25 years to the Teachers of Fruits of Hope Academy. This year the theme for the year is 'Respect' - yes I do burst into song nearly every time I hear it!

I would value your prayers for the Teachers being receptive to what they hear and what I am training them in. I'd also like to give praise to God that we have new Teachers on the team who have join our team very well.

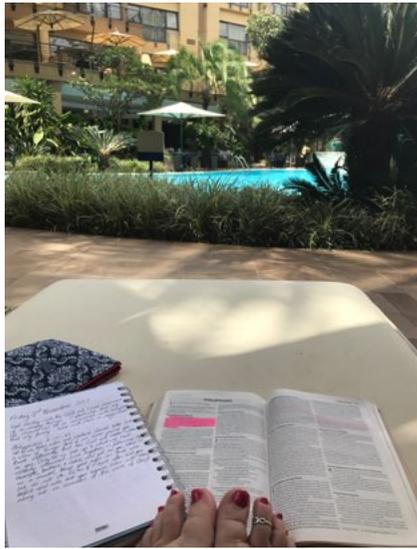
MENTORING THE NURSERY TEACHERS

I meet with the Nursery Teachers every Tuesday afternoon.

Fred's Vision was always to have a Teacher Training College, alongside his College is a Model Nursery School. I have this year started to mentor the 6 Nursery teachers in some methodologies of teaching nursery children. We also have an intern working at FOHA at the moment and so she has been sitting in on our mentoring times. My prayer is that we can one day find someone to take over from me and so I hope to approach Christine the intern over the next few weeks and see if she is interested in working at the College. Please be prayerful for the right timing of these conversations and for open hearts and minds to the possibilities.



**NURSERY
MENTORSHIP**

SOLITUDE**SOLITUDE**

Friday afternoons - aaaah....

My Friday afternoons are my time of solitude and can I tell you I look forward to it with great enthusiasm!

I take myself to one of the hotels and sit by the pool, with my bible, my journal and a bunch of different pens - I read, I pray, I reflect, and I listen to God.

I love reading of Jesus miracles of his time and believe that He is still doing miracles today. I fervently pray that my little girl will one day have the same rights to travel as any birth child has. I believe that God gave her to me and He won't let us down, He is only in the business of looking after us!

IZABAYO FLORA

Still no passport but we have made some progress...

While we don't really have an update full of good news, we can tell you that The NCC have agreed to look at our case as individual circumstances, not just following the law - this in itself is an answer to prayer and somewhat a miracle if you ask me!

It has been suggested that I become a Rwandan citizen and hold dual citizenship, and again the NCC have said that they will advocate for me and Flora throughout this process with immigration.

Please continue to pray that one day this precious little girl will be allowed to travel with her Mumma and visit those so many people who love and support her:

**IZABAYO FLORA****BLACKIE ON A MISSION****BLACKIE ON A MISSION**

We are looking for monthly supporters...

Are you able to support us on a monthly basis? Like so many stories, our story is that life in Rwanda can be jolly expensive - and for us to stay here and live according to the pressures of an expat world we need to increase our monthly support, which at the moment is under half of what we live on each month.

At the end of the year we need to move house and the average house price at the moment is anywhere from \$800 - \$1200 USD per month, which at the moment is not possible for us.

We are handing our finances over in prayer, continuing to believe we are here doing what God has planned for us to do. Please join us in prayer.

OUR HEALTH

My little friend kicked my toe and the entire nail came off!

Never underestimate the ability of a two year old in a crisis - I was sitting on the floor holding my nail back on as I was scared of the thought of infection and Flora climbed onto the dining room table, got my phone and handed it to me - she was a champion this day!

We do however give thanks to God for our great health, we have had a few rough days but nothing too bad. Last week Fred and his family were unwell with Malaria and today my drivers wife has malaria - so we give thanks that I only lost a toe nail and we have both been protected from nasties like malaria.



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VISITORS



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It seems a large part of my role is communicating and hosting visitors / teams...

We have had the privilege as a school to join in partnership with Kigali International Community School. Their teachers and students came to visit our school last week and taught some demonstration lessons, mentored teachers, and played with the children.

We are hopeful that our teachers will one day go and visit KICS and see how their school is run too.

The program is called - beyond the gates - get outside of your comfort zone and go and see what is beyond the gates of your own community.

We pray that this will be a long lasting relationship with the KICS community.

LIFE IS BUSY

As you can see life gets very busy...

Yes - it's busy - but it's fulfilling as well - I wouldn't want it any other way. It's exciting to see various projects come to fruition. It's enriching being in a wonderful bible study group and learn from some amazing ladies. It's a privilege to watch my own little disciple learn and grow into her own personality. It's a joy sharing my world with visitors and guests. It's stretching having to live by faith for finances, for provision and praying for miracles when you believe you are living in God's will for your life. In all of these things - I feel like we are in a great season of life, we are both spiritually, mentally and physically nourished and are really really happy. I have been praying for God's peace in all circumstances and this I believe is very calming for me and all that I take on board daily.



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Philippians 4:7 The Message says - Before you know it, a sense of Gods wholeness, everything coming together for the good, will come and settle you down. Its wonderful what happened when Christ displaces worry at the centre of your life!

Thank you for reading our prayer requests - we value your prayers and your time for reading about our lives.

