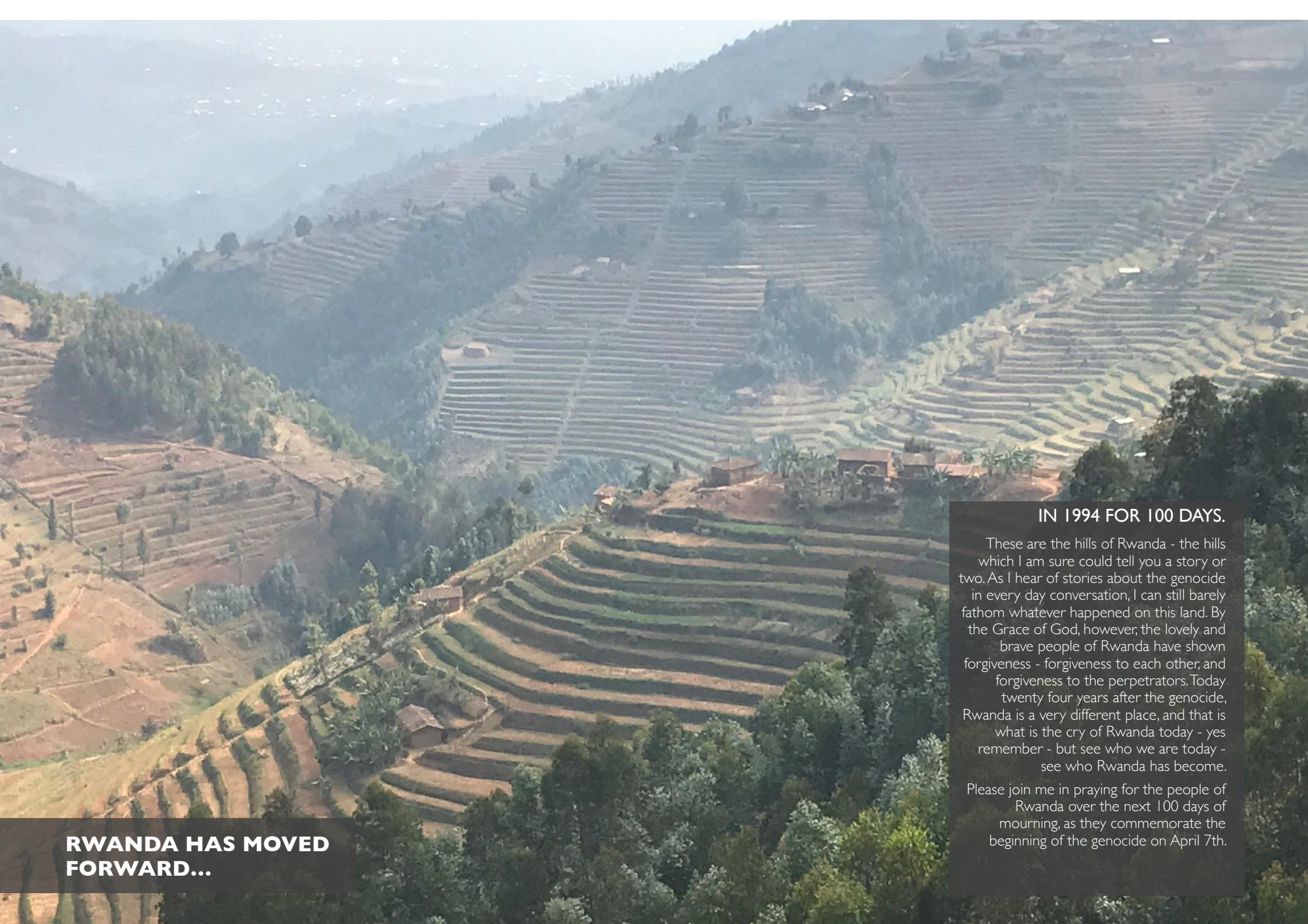


LET'S REMEMBER RWANDA IN APRIL...



SATURDAY 7TH APRIL

Is the day Rwanda stops to remember
the genocide of 1994.



**RWANDA HAS MOVED
FORWARD...**

IN 1994 FOR 100 DAYS.

These are the hills of Rwanda - the hills which I am sure could tell you a story or two. As I hear of stories about the genocide in every day conversation, I can still barely fathom whatever happened on this land. By the Grace of God, however, the lovely and brave people of Rwanda have shown forgiveness - forgiveness to each other, and forgiveness to the perpetrators. Today twenty four years after the genocide, Rwanda is a very different place, and that is what is the cry of Rwanda today - yes remember - but see who we are today - see who Rwanda has become.

Please join me in praying for the people of Rwanda over the next 100 days of mourning, as they commemorate the beginning of the genocide on April 7th.

100 DAYS OF GENOCIDE

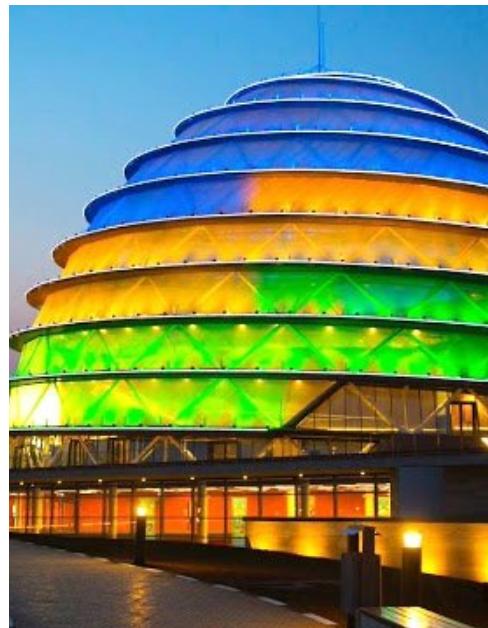
April 7th

As someone who grew up on the other side of the world in a time where technology wasn't what it is today - the word genocide has at times just washed over me.

However, having a worker in my house every day who's parents lost their first born son in the genocide and thinking of my own daughters birth mother who would have 5 years old during the genocide - my perspectives change and I am drawn to remember the atrocities of this beautiful country and how people suffered.

The country itself has moved forward and progressed since 1994, to the vibrant city that it is today.

Please remember to pray for the people of Rwanda.



KIGALI
Convention Centre

TO WALK IN HIS SHOES



JUST TODAY

Just today my taxi driver told me,

That pre 1994, most Rwandan's, didn't have a pair of shoes to wear. After the genocide and when the current President was elected, he insisted that everyone had a pair of shoes on their feet, so that the rest of the world could see that they were doing ok as a country!

He told me this because, for the first time we drove past an older lady who was walking with a stick and she didn't have any shoes on her feet. I had pointed her out because it is the rainy season and the thought of that red mud, between your toes just doesn't sit well with me!

As people remember the genocide and are living in the rainy season, pray that they can remember and give thanks for today, and not the muddy feet they may remember from 1994.

HE IS RISEN

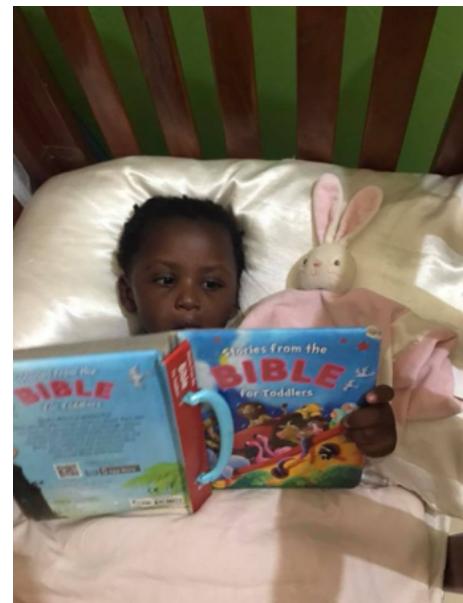
He is risen indeed

Flora and I had a lovely Easter; shared with family on Skype and then we had lunch at a friends house.

Just like at Christmas time, I read her the story from her bible before she went to bed - well she insisted that she read the Easter story to her bunny - so here she is in bed - reading her bible to her bunny!

She may have eaten the communion bread from the table at church last week - but she certainly redeemed herself at Easter in a moment of - oh bless!

Join me in praying that she will grow up knowing, loving and serving Jesus.



MY LITTLE DISCIPLE

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**FRUITS OF HOPE ACADEMY**

Is on school holidays for two weeks.

Many of the teachers are themselves survivors of the genocide and were left orphaned and were living in child headed households. They now have their own children and are supporting them by working at the school.

Please pray for the Teachers during this break, not only for rest and rejuvenation, but also for healing and restoration as they remember their families lost during the genocide and move forward with their own children.

Many people participate in marches of remembrance, and last year one of the teachers shared that it was in a crowd they last saw their parents who never came back so they can't do the marches as the crowds remind them of the day they lost their parents.

DUAL CITIZENSHIP

The NCC have suggested I apply for dual citizenship.

I think I mentioned this in my last newsletter. I have not heard any news either way at this point, but I am asking you to pray with me in regards for a miracle to happen that this should happen sooner than the 5 year wait of living in Rwanda. My lawyer has applied for leniency that because of my history of visiting Rwanda, maybe the 5 years could be waived.

Also - the country goes into shut down over the next 100 days, and it feels like you are starting all over again. Please pray that between the NCC, Immigration and my lawyer that we might hear some updated news, even during the 100 days of mourning.



A FOOT IN BOTH WORLDS

TEACHER TRAINING**TEACHER TRAINING**

It seems I don't have photos of me doing the training - so here is Fred.

A point of praise would be that for the past ten weeks I have been working alongside the Nursery Teachers and mentoring them in their philosophy of early childhood education. It has taken some time, but I do praise God that relationships are developing as well as trust and their willingness to verbally participate in discussions and conversations re the articles we are processing.

After the next two weeks holidays, each of them are required to give a presentation on what we have been researching - so we will see how they go and what they have understood.

MOTHER OF THE BRIDE NIGHT

I came up with the idea and pulled it off...

One of the ladies in my bible study is going to be the Mother of the Bride, and we needed a very good reason to have a ladies social - so I organised a Mother of the Bride Party. As fun as it was - I praise God for the community of ladies who through this event all pulled together to make something great. I just love my bible study ladies and this sense of community was really important to me.

Please pray over the next two months as there will be a time of transition with close friends returning 'home' for good and new relationships will need to be formed.



IMISHANANA
Traditional Rwanda dress

WE GOT A HOUSE NUMBER



IT'S TIME TO MOVE

We are busting at the seems

Yes, after three years we received a street number and a house number - yay!

I have, however, starting looking at houses for us to move into. The house we are currently in - has many advantages - and a few disadvantages too - like access and parking. So we are therefore very keen to move and with so many North Americans moving over the Summer - now is the time to start looking.

Please pray with me that we find - just that perfect little place for us - close to our network of friends with great accessibility. We look forward to showing you pictures of our new house one day!

WHILE WE REMEMBER 1994

Here is another perspective on Rwanda

This is a friend of mine here in Rwanda who had the opportunity to share about his passion during a ted x talk in Canada. Take the time to have a listen - you won't be disappointed.

https://youtu.be/DI7X4WvO_dw
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ANOTHER RWANDA

Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

