

Hello friends,

Well it's 9:30pm Friday night - miss 3 is in bed and I am surrounded by Paw Patrol balloons all ready for a 4th birthday party tomorrow morning. This afternoon our school had a 'Parade of Nations' where 40 countries were represented and each had a flag bearer and walked down the aisle as their National Anthem played. It was very moving and so special to be a part of the Global Community we have surrounding us here in Rwanda.

Apologies for no photos, I just wanted to send out a quick update on some of our news this week. As you know for 3.5 years I have been advocating for my girl to have the same rights as any birth child, and by that I mean the privilege of owning a passport and a citizenship to a country (she is currently stateless due to bureaucracy).

Back in September Rwanda officially recognised our National adoption from Rwanda and emailed Australia suggesting that Australia approve an inter country adoption. Well on Tuesday this week I received an email from the Australian Authorities stating just that - that they would support an inter country adoption. Below is part of their email....

'We have received the home study material and from our review we do believe that the circumstances meet requirements and that adoption is in Izabayo's best interests. We are supportive of exploring pathways that would enable you to travel to Australia with Izabayo.'

Of course we are very stoked - and I truly could not have given her a better 4th birthday present if I tried - theres still a long way to go, lots of documents to collect and application forms to fill in, but Australia was always going to be the biggest hurdle to get over - and it seemed so effortless really!

So to those of you who have prayed for us along this journey - please know how thankful we are. There's plenty now to give thanks for and there will be lots of future prayer points along the way, but, I feel like we are finally making progress.

Many blessings to you all - enjoy your weekend - ours will be a busy one with our first Christmas markets on tomorrow afternoon as well as a morning birthday party.

Bless you all so much,
Michele and Flora xo