

Kigali Rwanda  
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2 Corinthians 9:15 Give thanks to God for His indescribable gift. That was the emery verse Flora learnt at school - it's very catchy when you clap out every syllable of in-de-scri-ba-ble! I just love listening to her memorise scripture.

According to our advent Calendar we only have three more sleeps until the guy in the red suite delivers a purple bike for this girl - gotta love garage sales, thats where just about everything came from this year as I was not able to travel. The excitement is mounting in our house and Flora had a making cookie day with our Canadian friends on Thursday and on Sunday we made shortbread together - Mummy seems to sneak a piece or two in for breakfast but that shortbread is the taste of Christmas for me.

On Friday Flora went shopping with her Nanny to buy Mummy a present - I so want her to learn it's not all about receiving but also giving. When I came home from work she told me every present and insisted we opened the earrings - maybe keeping secrets is still something we need to work on!

Yesterday we went to the Southern Province to visit Flora's Grandma for the first time - certainly a very humbling experience to know that is where she could have grown up - as one of those street kids without shoes on and scabs on their head. My prayer for her is that she will always understand and appreciate the life she has been so incredibly blessed to have. One of Grandmas friends nearly cried when she saw Flora for the first time because of how much she looks like her Mum. Flora was an absolute trooper and took her half sisters hand and ran off and played with all the kids - she fed the cow and the goats with Grandma and loved the fact that they had a pig too! I was excited that I saw some photos of her birth mother for the first time and was able to take photos of them to keep for her life story.

We couldn't find a Santa this year so borrowed a friends gorgeous decorated Christmas living room and snapped a few pics. Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas as you remember the birth of Christ at this time, after such a different year, we remember that He is faithful in all things. Whether your loved ones are near or far, or can't be with you because of restrictions, we pray that you have the gift of faith, the blessings of hope and the peace of His Love at Christmas and always.

All our love,

Flora and Michele xo

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