

Lockdown Edition
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BLACKIE ON A MISSION

IN LOCKDOWN

Flora's News

BECAUSE IT WOULDN'T SEND IN THE OTHER NEWSLETTER



SOME FLORA QUOTES...

01

DURING LOCKDOWN

Mummy, your hair looks like a rainbow now, there is some blonde down here and some brown on there and there's some white ones here - do you call these grey ones Mummy?

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ALSO DURING LOCKDOWN

Mummy - your legs are spiky and all prickly - prickly like a cactus! You didn't know I knew a cactus did you Mum?

03

SITTING IN HER CAR SEAT AND DANCING TO MUSIC IN THE CAR....

Mummy, my bottom is enjoying this music because it makes my bottom dance!

04

WHO ARE YOU GOING TO LOVE?

Mummy, I'm not going to love the fake Jesus, I am only going to love the Real Jesus!

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ZOOM CALLS

Before the zoom call to our class party, Ooooooh Mummy you look so beautiful. Two hours later after the zoom call.... Aaaaaaah you still look beautiful Mum! (This was after 12 weeks of no makeup or any maintenance as such!)

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THE SPECIALIST

Mummy, when I grow up I am going to be a specialist. A specialist in what? A Specialist in Jesus!

I LAUGH EVERY DAY...

07

ATTITUDE

Mummy: "I want you to lose that attitude of yours". Flora: "I don't got an attitude - it got lost deep down in the forest a long long time ago!"

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EATING FOOD V'S LICKING FOOD

Flora: "Mum I just want to stop there and buy an ice cream?"
Mummy: "We're not stopping there today, you've already had a donut today."
Flora: "But Mum, donuts are eating food and ice creams are just licking food."

A woman with dark hair, wearing a colorful patterned dress, is seen from the side, holding a baby. The baby is wearing a white dress with pink polka dots. They are standing on a wooden dock. In the background, there is a large body of water and a boat with a brown canopy. The boat has black seats and a wooden frame. The water is calm with some ripples. The background shows a hilly landscape with green vegetation and some buildings.

FLORA'S PASSPORT

IT FEELS LIKE THE NEVER ENDING STORY

For many of you there is frustration in not hearing any news that you have been waiting to hear - well let me tell you, in me that frustration is exemplified 1000 times over! It takes everything in me to keep going and keep advocating for my girl who deserves the same rights as any birth child.

With the Lockdown, and watching friends find expat flights to Australia, it renewed a sense of urgency in me to get this kid what she needs. I employed a Lawyer from Sydney who has been absolutely fantastic and found out lots of answers we were looking for but no one had ever really told us before.

What I now know is, Flora is a Rwandan citizen who is (should be) eligible to apply for a passport. She has also been legally adopted under the

Rwandan law, so again, should also be eligible to apply for a passport. Legally.

Unfortunately we are caught up in some serious red tape, and while it is not a legal requirement, the document we are waiting for from the NCC is a 'preferred' requirement. The Australian system, would accept us now without this document (but not without a Rwandan passport) and the Rwandan system has accepted our circumstances but would prefer we had an inter country adoption. What does that mean - a whole lot more anguish, documents, time and money.

We have a new case worker with FACS who's name is Sally and we pray she is as nice to work alongside as Emma has been.

So... we continue to wait!