



Blackie on a mission

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Dear Friends,

I just can't hold this testimony in for much longer. I shared a testimony recently in my last newsletter and after reading that newsletter, I received this encouraging news today from one of my supporting churches in ACT.

I promised myself that I would keep advocating for Izabayo Flora to have the same rights as any birth child, and that I would continue until I heard the word 'no' - after jumping through every hurdle, I have received a Rwandan adoption, an Inter-country Hague Convention adoption, a Rwandan passport and have yesterday lodged a Visitors Visa into Australia and I am yet to hear a 'no'. So I will continue to keep jumping through the hurdles until that little girl can hug her grandparents on Australian soil.

To lodge an inter-country adoption Visa into Australia it will cost approximately \$3,300AUD. Today, our supporting church in ACT deposited \$3,326.91 saying that they thought we may need it before it was due later in the year. YES - and WOW - we do need it to lodge our application. What a thoughtful, caring and supportive church they are and what a privilege for us to be able to say we are part of their extended family.

Once we have lodged that application, our greatest need will be finances for flights home and some other hidden fees for lawyers and people who have helped us along the way. With Australia opening up flights, if there is any chance of us being successful in being on one of them, the risk of flights being increased in price is fairly high.

Before I left Australia in 2015, we had a slogan a \$ a day to get Blackie on her way - \$365 to get me to Rwanda. Now I am hopeful to get back home and I'm looking for 50 people for my 50 years to give \$250 to help us get home - could you join us in 'getting home' by partnering with us for *50250?*

Many blessings,

Michele and Flora.