
VISA UPDATE

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After ten weeks of waiting anxiously, we can now stop checking our emails morning and night. We took a risk and we lost. There won't be a Christmas this year with the family that we love in Australia, instead we will continue to make beautiful memories with those around us who we love and that we call our Rwandan family.

Seriously - how can you say no to those big brown eyes - the eyes of the world - Denied to enter Australia!

Six years ago we started a journey and we decided that we will keep asking questions and keep pushing through until we receive a no - we still haven't received that no, so we are not disheartened yet.

I have written to Politicians and Prime Ministers and we have come so much further than we ever thought was possible, so we have to see this as just a little hump in the road, and believe our timing will be perfect and right.

Home Affairs Australia, after looking at all our documents have suggested that we are better candidates for a permanent residency Adoption Visa, and have asked us to apply through that pathway.

So that is exactly what we will do next, we will lodge our application for an Adoption Visa and we will keep you posted. We just have to wait for the Christmas / New Year / Summer Vacation in Australia to finish and apply at the end of January.

The reason we decided to apply for the Visitors Visa was because there was a 2 year backlog of adoption Visa's due to COVID, if you are a praying friend, we invite you to join us in praying that a miracle will happen and that 2 year backlog will be expedited and our application will be seen a lot sooner than then.

Today I could understand why we haven't left Rwanda yet, as I helped to plan and implement the extension of the Pre K at the KICS. We have

'Patience is not the ability to wait, but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting'.

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safari's planned.

We truly are ok, we're not even just writing that but are honestly at peace, it's not an absolute no, it's just a 'lets try a new pathway'.

So that's our update, not what we were hoping to send you, but here we are - Many Blessings, Michele and Flora.



She wants a beanie and a skateboard for Christmas - not sure that she will actually receive either!

grown in numbers so much that we are opening a second house for the 4 year olds. As I am currently leading the Pre K team, I can fully understand why I am still here at this time.

In saying that, I was also so hopeful that my girl could experience a Christmas outside of Kigali with all the Trimmings, we tried for Sydney and we tried for USA, with just ten days out it seems more and more likely we will be staying in Kigali and celebrating with a few little staycations and