

Department of Home Affairs
Health Examination
Happening Tomorrow Morning
9am Kigali - 6pm Sydney

Please pray for my girl...



This sweet little girl has gone to bed tonight unbeknown to her that in the morning she needs to go and have a full medical, Chest X-Rays, Blood tests - all the things she fears the most. Please pray for her little heart, not to be brave, but to not earn anymore fear from needles, blood tests and x-rays. Pray for understanding that for her to visit Nanna and Pa she just has to do this.

We Praise God that we were told an adoption Visa could take up to two years to hear back from Home Affairs - we heard from them after two weeks! Thank you for praying friends. As my lawyer clearly stated this morning, the medical does not imply that the Visa has been approved, but it certainly is the last requirement before making a Visa approval.

We Praise God that one of the last steps in this whole process is a medical assessment - we heard this morning that we have 28 days to have this done, and by 4:30pm this afternoon we have an appointment for 9am tomorrow 16th February here in Kigali.

At 8am we need to get to the bank, pay for the process before we go to the Dr's office and high tail it over to town to be there by 9am - all with a very anxious 6 year old. Please pray for Mummy to stay calm, make all this happen and be able to support my girl exactly how she needs me to support her.

Last Friday we heard that Rwanda would not agree to giving me permanent Custody of Flora while she still has family alive. This is still the case and means that we cannot apply for Australian Citizenship. So her adoption Visa will basically give her permanent residency but not citizenship. Citizenship is something we will have to continue to seek once we are 'home' in Australia. This is definitely a big disappointment, but it shouldn't affect us getting home via an adoption visa. Please pray that we can still get to Sydney with this Visa and join me in praying that Citizenship will happen down the track.

My Rwandan lawyer has left the country and I have a Mum in my class who is lawyer, not in family law, but is very keen to help us and is talking about contacting the minister to have this rectified. I'm praying that her involvement is a positive progression in our story.

Thank you so much for standing with us and praying for us, we truly appreciate your prayers and love sharing testimonies of Gods goodness to us through this long and complicated story.

Many many people have often sent us the verse **Ephesians 3:20-21** *Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations for ever and ever Amen.* And today that just happens to be the verse for February 15th! We know by personal experience that He can do immeasurably more than we ever can ask or imagine - we have testimonies to tell and stories to share knowing this to be truth.

Many blessings,

Michele and Flora xo