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FAMILY
NEWSLETTER



Muraho!

Greetings from Rwanda. We finally touched down on Rwandan soil December 4th at around 8:30 p.m. local time. What a blessing to finally be a part of a dream that we have had for so long. Our family and the Shelby family traveled for 2 days to finally arrive in Kigali. We were greeted at the airport by Sam and Nancy Shewmaker, Caleb Beck, and

Charles Kabeza. Our arrival brought about mixed emotions as we struggle to leave family behind and begin our new life in Rwanda. So far we have learned some basic greetings and how to change money. Another lesson we are learning is how to buy a car and rent a house in Africa. Who knew there were no ReMax offices in Kigali??

We are making friends and learning more about life in Rwanda. We are finding that most people here are very welcoming and patient as we attempt to greet them in Kinyarwanda. We try to practice and learn new phrases each day. Learning the language will definitely be a struggle for us. We are pretty certain Ian will be correcting us very shortly.

Prayer Needs:

These are things that we would like for you to pray for us specifically.

1. Housing and Transportation

We are in the process of finding a house and a vehicle. This is a process that requires a lot of patience and perseverance. Please pray that we will find these items in a timely manner. Please pray for our future neighbors and those relationships.

2. Visas

We will begin the process very soon of applying for our work visas. Please pray that this process will go smoothly and that we will obtain these visas quickly.

3. Transitions

Please continue to pray for our family as we shift to life in Rwanda. Pray specifically for our children. Pray that they will make friends and enjoy their new life here.

4. Amos Family

Please pray for Heath and Rebecca as they finish up their time in Lubbock, Texas. Pray for a safe and healthy delivery of Baby Pete.

5. Missionary community

There are several families moving to Kigali in the next few months. Please pray that as the missionary community grows here we will share a spirit of unity. Please continue to pray that all families will be able to work together as a unified group of believers.



It appears the trees are different....

As we were leaving the Kigali airport, I asked Ian what he thought about Rwanda. He said, "it appears that the trees are different." Ian is very observant and is quickly adapting to our new surroundings. We visited a local church on our first Sunday in Kigali. The services here have no time limit but my children do. So, I had to step outside before the service was finished to give Lola and Ian a break. As we stepped outside, we were immediately mobbed by a group of curious children. The kids instantly swarmed Ian and began touching his face, rubbing his hair, and holding his hands. I was worried that he might become overwhelmed, but he took it all in stride. He was very patient and gracious toward the crowd. After it was all over, I asked Ian if he was o.k. He said, "Yeah, there were kids all around us." I think he enjoyed the attention.

The children have also had to adjust to new sleeping arrangements. After we tuck them in and give them a goodnight kiss, we have to lower the mosquito nets. They thought it was very amusing the first night but have since grown a little tired of the hassle. The children are making friends and are attempting to greet people we meet in Kinyarwanda. Lola is already making an impact in Rwanda.

