
KRUMENACHER CHRONICLES

1 Full Month



We cannot believe it has been 1 month already. We have laughed, we have cried, we have rejoiced and we have felt utterly exhausted. At times emotions can be all over the place, to be honest. It's been a month of a lot of adjustments for everyone.

Sister Connection held their annual camps for the widows and orphans. These are 4 camps which are 2 intense days each of teaching, worship and fellowship with all the widows and orphans ages 5-12, 13-17 and 18-25. Josh taught the widows many times and Michelle taught the young orphans once and they both counseled multiple times. Every single day we got out on the dirt soccer field as a family to play and interact with all the orphans.

There were 2 teams visiting during camps also, 1 was from America and 1 was from Australia. The boys loved interacting with the teams and even though they were tiring days we all enjoyed the fellowship and fun of ministering alongside the teams.

Top left: Neil in a sea of neighborhood kids as we visited a widows home.

Top right: The boys on our back porch.

Bottom left: Me with a few orphan girls.

Bottom right: Josh sharing the Gospel through the Evangecube.



Birthday, English and other happenings...

A few highlights from this month would be celebrating Josh's 40th birthday, starting English lessons and getting hot water! We had to travel to the city to work on our visa's more so we made it a birthday trip complete with pizza, French desserts and a night in a hotel. Michelle has been teaching English often and although her focus is on the staff of Sister Connection she is finding it to be a magnet for anyone. Many are so interested in learning English so we use it as a ministry opportunity.

The guest house is beautiful, for the first 3 1/2 weeks we had low water pressure and only cold. We would heat up water on the stove top every night and take "washcloth" baths. Last week the water pressure and hot water were fixed and are on full blast. We are so thankful for this luxury. We know to the Western world we may be "roughing it", but in comparison to those living around us we are living in luxury.

Praises and Prayer Requests

- We thank God for good internet we were able to purchase, Josh is now able to do his schoolwork! Prior to this purchase he couldn't even log into his school e-mail or website. He has 1 class to finish now in 9 days!
- We thank God for His protection as we traveled a lot the last month, especially to get our visas in the city. We are awaiting the boys visas to be finished, but we have received Josh and Michelle's!
- Please, pray for Josh and the boys as they help develop the animal program on Mt. Hope. There is a lot to be learned and they're excited about how God can use their contacts and willingness.

Praises and Prayer Requests Continued

- Please, pray for the country of Burundi. The inflation has literally sky rocketed the last year, the people are suffering for it. Fuel is scarce and difficult to find. There are so many difficulties in their everyday lives.
- Please, pray for Michelle and her students. She is teaching English every day to individuals and a class 4 times a week. This has been such a door to evangelism and encouragement to so many Burundians we otherwise would not come in contact with. Please, also pray for safe travels as Michelle will be traveling every few weeks to the city to teach staff.



Neil giving orphans his fist bump thumbs up greeting at camps



The widows who are sponsored that came to camp gave an offering of rice and beans for us to distribute to the poorest villages in Burundi. This was the Batwa Village rejoicing to receive rice and beans

September Hopes

We are hoping this month we will be able to get into routine a little more. Having camps and teams visiting was wonderful, but it is not what will be normal each month for us. Following camps we jumped right into school, we continue to homeschool the boys and in September Josh will begin a study with the boys called Behold Your God for Kids. It is a great curriculum that helps them learn who God is and learn more about His attributes.

September the rainy season begins and we pray for the people and their crops to do well. The rain is good, but too much is damaging for their livelihood. Josh has been in contact with someone in the States regarding the chickens here and he and the boys plan to assist a lot more in how to get the chickens producing more eggs. Michelle is looking forward to getting involved in the sewing initiative also. These are both initiatives here on the mountain that groups of widows and orphans are brought in to learn about chickens producing eggs and meat and learning sewing/basket weaving so the widow/orphan can sell them to make money for their family. We continue to pray for all of us to adjust and build relationships and serve the Lord everyday! Thank you for supporting us in Burundi!