



### March 2017

Hi everyone!

We've had another great few weeks here in Zambezi and time has flown as we're now more than half way through our time here! This week we said our goodbyes to Rafiki, the orphanage and school we've been working at since we arrived. It was sad to say goodbye to the staff and children who we've developed great relationships with - we really enjoyed working there and we'll miss it a lot! At Rafiki we learnt many new skills such as teaching, how to roll and bake bread on a large scale and farming. We also regularly used the onsite tailor to order African outfits, which we all wore this Sunday at church. Working there has been very rewarding and has definitely helped us to become more servant-hearted.



The new church plant set up by some of the iServe team finally has a new name - Grace Point Church. Its a great name as it reminds us of the amazing gift of grace God has given us, as Ephesians 2 v 8 reminds us, 'it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - not works, so that no one can boast'. We have been busy getting stuck into some jobs to help serve such as Sunday School teaching, being part of the worship team, helping with welcoming and refreshments and cleaning the church.

We've had some amazing days out on our days off, a great opportunity to explore more of Kenya! To do so, we often hire a "matatu" which is a mini bus, an easy and cheap mode of public transport in Kenya. During Katherine's visit we went on a trip to Nairobi Arboretum and then to Java Coffee Shop. The arboretum was beautiful and we had a lovely wander around

on Katherine's final day. It was fun to enjoy a Western style coffee shop, something we haven't had since home! We treated ourselves to milkshakes, ice cream sundaes and brownies.

The next day we went to Giraffe Centre, a truly amazing place dedicated to conserving the protected Rothschild breed of giraffe. We were able to feed the giraffes from our palms (and/or our mouths!) and hug and stroke the giraffe! Then we explored the nature trail up to the Ngong Hills view point, a beautiful sight. Afterwards we had yet another treat of; pizza, chips and ice cream!



As you may all know, on Friday we're going to Samburu (a very rural and nomadic area of Kenya) with the iServe gap year team (TransformD) for a month of missional outreach. We have been spending a lot of time preparing for this trip. In Samburu we will be helping to run a children's bible camp for 300 kids and a youth bible camp for 150 teens! Some girls in our group are doing talks on the kids camp, so they have been busy preparing these, and we're all busy prepping the crafts for the camps too. We've had a session on Samburu-specific first aid, such as how to spot a poisonous snake! Our trip to Samburu is very exciting and an amazing opportunity. We get to experience first-hand a completely different way of life to what we are used to.

Last Wednesday we visited Junction Mall to buy clothes and supplies for Samburu. We also saw the new Beauty and the Beast film and were surprised to find out that popcorn is cheap in Kenya! It just so happened that there was a free KFC meal with Wednesday cinema tickets, so we got to have another taste of home.



Lots of love from Rachel, Eleri and the rest of the team.

#### **PRAISE POINTS**

- Time spent with Katherine and Sam
- Becoming a part of the Grace Point church family
- Lots of fun days out
- A great time working at Rafiki

#### **PRAYER POINTS**

- To successfully tell people about Jesus in Samburu
- That the two camps will go well
- For a safe journey to Samburu, which consists of many hours on bumpy dirt tracks
- That we have an enjoyable time in Samburu

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