

RACHAEL IN KAMPALA

Prayer Letter 5

7 things I miss about life in England

- * Changing seasons
- * Family and friends
- * Fellowship with St. Leonard's church family
- * Banter and laughter amongst people I know well
- * British chocolate
- * Driving a car
- * Efficient pace of life

7 things I'm enjoying about life in Uganda

- * Sunshine and warmth
- * Seeing old friends: the Howleys', staff at matoke inn, Dungue and family, Joshua and salon people Harriet and Robert
- * Meeting new people and gospel teams: LWU and WOL especially.
- * Unhurried time to spend with God and people
- * Fresh mango and pineapple
- * Riding on a boda boda
- * Slower pace of life

A New Community



It's 18.45. 19 degrees C. 79% humid. I can hear the radio blaring through the closed windows. The crickets, though, are competing for loudest noise-makers of the evening and every now and again there is an echoing caw of some exotic bird flying close by!

The primary focus of this first month has been extensive time with God and although I struggled with that to begin with, I couldn't be more thankful! What a privileged way to start missionary life. See 'prayer requests' for what He's currently teaching me.

The secondary focus has been time with people alongside learning to speak luganda!

Needless to say, the people side of things has been no struggle at all!* I've spent many an hour just sitting in Dungue (my boda boda driver) and Harriet's dooka (see pics above and opposite) chatting, learning and interacting with all who come and go. I even ended up at their 'village gathering'; a fundraising/planning meeting for their upcoming community





Prayer Requests

- **Walk with Jesus:** to be content in Christ, depending upon Him above all else; to relish the absolute joy of giving to His work and for His purposes!
- **Practicalities:** work permit, tax code to be changed and rebate returned; remaining funding to be met (I was incorrect when I said that the budget had been met.)
- **Upcoming events:** see 'diary' and pray for Kingdom fruit.
- **Language:** discipline, enjoyment and perseverance
- **Relationships:** godly relationships to be built and opportunities seized to talk of Jesus; opportunities to invest with church family

DIARY

- **4th - 6th Nov:** LWU small group training
- **parts of 7th - 16th Nov:** meet up with Laura Newall and team
- **5th - 18th Dec:** WOL camps for children and teenagers.
- **9-14th Jan:** LWU conference
- **Saturdays 4pm:** teen service with WOL

birthday and graduation celebrations (a rather formal and extended affair). After a few hours, I attempted to leave to get back in time for another engagement but Dungue exclaimed, 'It has not yet reached 7. I am making tea and you have left the meeting. Go back!' accompanied by an impatient wave of the hand! I duly went back and in so doing nearly ended up having to cook matooke (apparently this is quite some experience!) for the whole community. I managed to narrowly escape that duty, for now anyway!!

I'm having 4 hours of language lessons a week, 2 of which are with my friend Juliette. Amongst outings to local fruit and veg markets, we are reading Mark's gospel (in luganda) together.

I've started attending Word of Life church and have met some of the teenagers and interns associated with WOL. I've been invited along to the teen services each Saturday and we have camps coming up in December.

I've met up with the Living Word Uganda (LWU) team twice and what a gospel-centred bunch they are! (see pic below) We have small group leaders' training next weekend and the annual conference in January. We'll be studying Habakkuk and Nehemiah.

*I recently completed the Myers Briggs personality test and I came out as 94% extrovert! I'm sure that explains a lot!

Queen of Katwe: This is a recently released American movie based in Katwe, a slum in Kampala. I've yet to see it myself but nationals here are saying it depicts a slice of Ugandan culture well. Other missionaries are encouraging supporters to go and see it to get a feel for the culture we're serving in.

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