

# RACHAEL IN KAMPALA

## Prayer Letter 6

### 5 privileges of serving Jesus in Kampala

- \* Reading the bible with people keen to get to know God better
- \* Working under the godly and servant-hearted leadership of LWU
- \* Having the opportunity to develop discipleship amongst women
- \* Having time to invest in relationships
- \* Being part of a faithful and local church

### 5 struggles in serving Jesus in Kampala

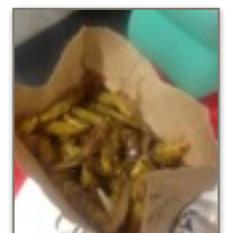
- \* Negotiating my way through complicated, bureaucracy to obtain a work permit
- \* Hypocrisy within the nation-wide church
- \* The suffering and injustice so much a part of peoples' lives
- \* Knowing that it will take time to develop relationships with a new church family
- \* Hours spent travelling on dangerous Kampala roads

### Growing Communities



It was a delight to visit the WOL camps. Seeing the young people listening intently to faithful bible teaching; witnessing their expressions of joy during games time and being part of an outdoor, camp-fire service hearing how young leaders had responded to the gospel themselves was an immense privilege. I saw many children whom I had first met in 2012 and my Ugandan family's boys had an incredible time. "Aunty Rachael, they have taught us all about God from the Bible...Aunty Rachael when is it time to go on camp again?" Tendo even cried when his dad came to collect him. He had thought that his dad was just visiting; not that the camp had come to an end.

Relationships have continued to grow. I spent a very special Christmas Day with my Ugandan family (see picture above) complete with sunscreen (see picture on pg 2) and even succumbed to eating grasshoppers (see pics opposite) at the request of my salon friends.



The much-anticipated work permit is still forth-coming. I am learning to trust God more fully and to enjoy having the time to build deeper relationships that are leading to ministry opportunities. I've also been able to volunteer more time with LWU.





## Prayer Requests

- **LWU:** pray for the provision of a student worker. AMT program - for energy and wisdom as we prepare lecture materials; for faithful bible teaching pastors and churches to partner with; for humble and godly applicants for the program.
- **1:1s:** pray for God's Word and Spirit to do it's work and therefore, for transformed lives also.
- **Practicalities:** work permit - 5 stages left and 6 weeks in which to complete them.
- **Hope:** corruption is rife; suffering and sadness inevitable. Pray I would bring hope in the person of Jesus cf Habakkuk 3:17-19.

## DIARY

- **12th March:** Visit to church where one of my 1:1 girls serves as children's worker.
- **17th - 19th March:** Hosting one of my 1:1 girls
- **18th March** AMT vision sharing breakfast with local churches
- **25th March:** Central regional seminar in Kampala

## Living Word Uganda

The LWU annual conference was a joy to be a part of. It is a national conference for students which exists to equip young leaders with bible handling skills as well as to give them a taster of what faithful bible teaching looks like. Jonathan Lamb was our main speaker who guided us faithfully through the books of Habakkuk, Nehemiah and 2 Corinthians. One student commented, 'my faith was renewed particularly trusting in God regardless of the situation.'

Preparations are now underway for our 5 regional seminars (central, western, eastern, northern and west Nile). These are seminars put on to equip and encourage student leaders in their ministry. Martha (the administrator) and I are thinking through the specific challenges that women in ministry face over here. We hope to prayerfully put together a session for the girls addressing some of the issues.

The third strand to LWU's ministry is the Apprentice Ministry Training Program (AMT) which runs from June. This is a training program for young graduates combining lectures and seminars alongside practical ministry with one of our partner churches. I'll explain more next time.

My specific remit within LWU is to get to know and disciple some of the women. As a result of these developing friendships, I have been asked if I would help one of them write a children's program going through the gospel of Mark and help the other one (the equivalent of a UCCF staff worker) come and deliver some training for CU leaders later in June. It is such a privilege to get to know these people and I am so thankful for their friendship. They are great fun to be around and diligent in teaching me Ugandan as well as how to cook Ugandan meals both of which take time to learn! Thankfully, there's a saying over here which goes, 'Europeans have clocks but Africans have time.' I think I'll be okay!

Feel free to request more informative prayer points and I shall email them over to you.

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