

RACHAEL IN KAMPALA

Prayer Letter 8

Visitor Observations

* Traffic: at least 3 days a week I spend 4 hrs a day driving! Short distances; stand-still traffic; few rules; no lights; few signposts; few lanes and no air-con so windows stay open resulting in many little hands trying to get inside to beg for money or food. Children, women and deformed men line the streets. People try hard to initiate conversation in the hope you might buy from them. It can be tiring and stressful but if there are people in the car, it's a great opportunity for fellowship, prayer and gospel conversations.

* The sheer amount of people I spend time with each week. It's fantastic and hard. I love spending time with people (when I've had coffee!) but it can be draining and tiring especially as the majority of these relationships are cross cultural. I have intentional and regular interactions with 150 people weekly. No wonder I'm tired on a weekend! Relationships here are very time-dependent. Pray I would have energy to manage relationships well and for them to be a blessing.



Term at a Glance

It's been a term to give much thanks for. June saw the purchasing of a Landy Defender 90 (see pic opposite) which I have decked out with fairy lights and

bunting! It was also the month of the WOL cross cultural mission trip to Nairobi which was a fantastic time for making and building relationships. Most of the girls I meet now were on that trip.

July and August were the months of 7 family and friends visiting. It was an incredibly special time with one friend commenting that, 'you've given me enough to think about for 2 years!' The LWU bible study expanded from one children's worker to three. In September, LWU visited Mbale in Eastern Uganda to deliver another Area Bible Seminar to a number of University Students.

During October and November, I've had one of my old 'youth' from St. Leonard's Church - Joe Boddington - to visit. He is a lot of fun and describes his time so far as 'varied, new, insightful and busy!' His insights have enlightened me! I had no idea I spent so many hours driving or spent time with so many people every week! 5 of us enjoyed a great road trip to Jinja and 3 of us braved the white water rafting down the river Nile! (see pic below)

God has taught me many lessons this term: being a slave for others and for Jesus (Mark); humility and considering others better than myself (Philippians) and that the things we enjoy are a gift from God (Ecclesiastes). Pray I wouldn't just work hard to understand and teach God's life-giving Word but that I would work hard with the Spirit's help to obey it.





Prayer

• Praise God for the Landy (see pic on pg 1); a source of much fun and put to good use

transporting teams to schools and universities. Pray for the paperwork to be completed asap and for safety on the roads.

- Praise God for the opportunity to be involved with 6 bible clubs. Pray for faithfulness to God's word, relevant application, deepening relationships and transformed lives.
- Praise God for a number of girls keen to meet regularly all battling various issues. Pray for wisdom and insight as I seek to encourage them in their walks with Jesus.
- Pray for a servant attitude as I interact with so many people. Pray I would consider each person more significant than myself (Phil 2).

DIARY

- **23rd - 24th Nov:** host Word of Life team review and strategy meetings
- **25th - 27th Nov:** Visit Sippi Falls with Joe
- **8th - 13th Dec:** WOL camps
- **15th - 16th Dec:** LWU staff retreat
- **28th Dec - 1st Jan:** RENEW conference for missionaries in Nairobi
- **8th - 13th Jan:** LWU annual conference

Week at a Glance

I am now very much enjoying a weekly routine, as much as is possible. Here's a snapshot of what my weeks look like:

Monday: Leave at 7.15am; travel to the WOL offices in Kitende for devotions and team meetings; meet with Rachel N (studying at the WOL Bible Institute) to read the bible and share life together; Ugandan lunch followed by Kingsway (local secondary school) bible club; catch up with Brenda (another BI student) and then staff devotions or PE class. Arrive home around 6pm.

Tuesday: Leave at 9am; travel to MUBS (Makerere University Business School) to meet students at one of the hostels followed by MUBS bible club (see pic below) and then meeting girls 1:1; travel to Kyambogo University for bible club and then brave the traffic back home arriving around 7pm (if I haven't found somewhere to stay on the other side of town)!

Wednesday: Leave at 6am and travel to the LWU offices in Kyaliwajjala for devotions, staff meeting and dinner and then travel to ASCK (All Saints Cathedral, Kampala) to meet with 3 children's workers to continue our studies in the gospel of Mark and share life together. Arrive home around 6pm.

Thursday: Spend the morning praying for the different girls I meet with and catch up on admin. 12.00 - 3pm Pick up our team and deliver us to 3 different schools for bible clubs. Mine is called Horizon and the club consists of 50 girls with two of us leading. Meet up individually with girls.

Friday: This is my 'partnership day' which involves a variety of activities such as Crosslinks admin, writing prayer letters, spending time with visitors, reviewing budgets, skyping supporters...you get the picture!

Saturday: This is the day to rest and catch up with all the weekly jobs that haven't been done and usually spend time hanging out with friends.

Sunday: 9.30am. Breakfast Club at church. Around 30 street children gather for breakfast and bible club. We're currently doing a bible overview and learning lots of fun songs and games! 10.30 - 12.30pm Church.

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