



November 2018

Dear Friends,



With Louise's family

We had a lovely time in the UK visiting Kent and Northern Ireland, it was a joy to catch up with many of you, visit so many churches and spend time with family. Sorry to those of you we didn't manage to see this time. We were particularly encouraged to see and be reminded of the work of the gospel going on in the churches and communities while there and we pray that it will bear fruit. Colossians 1:16 says, ***'In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world – just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace.'*** We have just returned to Kenya at the

beginning of this month to the hot season. It might be hard to believe but we haven't properly had any sunshine since March, so it is a welcome change!

The next two months will be a busy time of preparation for next year, particularly following up on people who have expressed interest in being part of TransformD, beginning January 2019. We are also running a week-long camp here at iServe for anyone in high school – approximately 14-21 years old (10 – 15 December). The idea behind this aside from bible teaching and building relationships is to help younger people to know about iServe Africa and particularly the TransformD programme so that they might want to join when they reach the right age and finish high school. We are discovering that word of mouth here is particularly important for getting participants so this takes a lot of time and energy on the part of the team.

Alex and Anisia have been doing really well and are enjoying their work. We are very grateful for their servant hearts and diligence and particularly Alex's interest in farming so he can assist Gerald and Bosco greatly in this area! The greenhouse has been flourishing and we will begin harvesting tomatoes at the end of November.



Inside the greenhouse

Aside from these things Gracepoint Church is running another holiday bible club. We ran one in the August school holiday as it was our church's 'mission month', aiming to reach into the local



Playing games

community. By the middle of the week we had around 100 children! Some of these children now faithfully attend Sunday school, even without their parents who attend a different church. Our theme was Paul's first missionary journey and we had a very large team of helpers which made it a joy to be part of. We hope this one will be smaller with around 50 children, focused on our Sunday school members and therefore be easier to manage and require fewer leaders. This will run 26 -30 November, 9am – 3pm. Louise will be involved in running this and

hopefully passing over more and more responsibility to others who have been leaders several times. Each day consists of teaching, drama, games, craft, worksheets, singing and memory verses so there is a lot of preparation each time we organise one. For this time our theme is the message of Christmas.

Thanks for praying with us, continue to pray that the message of the cross will bear more fruit here in Kenya.



August team meeting



Ex-TransformD helping at HBC

PRAYER POINTS

Praise:

- Bosco and Alex's work in the greenhouse has kept the plants healthy and growing in Gerald's absence.
- Being refreshed by time away and a change, coming back with renewed enthusiasm for the work of TransformD and iServe Africa.
- The iServe building is considerably more finished on the inside than when we left! This will make running events or programmes better due to a more pleasant environment.

Please pray for:

- Preparations for 'Cross Camp' in December, particularly for a good number of high schoolers to attend.
- Preparations and the running of the holiday bible club at Gracepoint Church.
- Preparation for TransformD 2019, particularly for getting enough young people signed up and committed.
- For ourselves with all these plans and busyness, that Jesus would be at the centre of all endeavours.

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