

5 March 2012

Prayer points:

- Praise for the blessing and encouragement of visitors this quarter.
- Andy's visit: for encouragement, hearing God, esp. in the review and planning meetings and for God to use Andy's input in Harvest.
- Onesphore's wife, Innocente, due to give birth to their third baby this week.
- Trauma healing training in Muramvya (21st-23rd). Pray for the right people to come and for deep healing and anointing of leaders to bring God's healing to others.

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Thank you!



It never rains till it pours! I have had seasons of feeling quite isolated in Burundi but since New Year have been very blessed with many visitors, all of whom are key people in my life (incl. my parents, Debbie and Pat and Pam. Pat and Pam, who were missionaries in Burundi from 1958 (Pat) / 1965 (Pam) till '78, joined Rustington church which I attended as a child, when I was 14. They helped discipline me and learn to really appreciate God's Word. It was through them that I went on my first mission trip to Uganda, on an African Experience team, for a month in 1997. I then visited Burundi with them in 2003 and 2004 which is



when I felt God confirm He was calling me to work here. They are currently in Burundi on a 3 month visit and stayed with me for a week last month. It was lovely to be able to share with them and show them something of my life here as well as feed them up a little before they went back up country where good meat and fish are scarce. Pat shared from Hebrews over 4 mornings at our devotions in Harvest and they spent time with some of my colleagues and saw some old friends.

I caught up on a reasonable amount of admin last

month but my to-do lists remain long and there is still more to do to update training materials, prepare for workshops this month and Flame's next visit.

Today, Andy, our lovely church leader from Brockley Community Church, my home church in SE London, arrives. This week we will be having a pastoral time together, along with a review and planning for the year ahead, on Thursday, when my boss, Onesphore will join us. Over the 2 Saturday's, Andy will be teaching his Wellbeing Course to Harvest members and next week giving 2 hour devotions each day at our Harvest staff retreat.

My friends, Steve and Lucy, leave on 20th after 2¼ years in Burundi. They will be missed.

The month(s) ahead in brief ...

Abel and Jean Claude are in their final week at the Le Rucher Reconciliation School in Rwanda. I have missed having Abel around in the office so it'll be great to have him back and learn from him about the rest of the training.

Cyrille, Abel, Lynne Aline (a volunteer) and I are doing trauma healing training at

the Harvest mission centre in Muramvya for around 22 pastors from 21st to 23rd.

I am taking some holiday over Easter which is great.

I will be in UK, from late June this year, to share about my work in Burundi at churches, home groups, prayer meetings and seeing individuals, family

and friends. My Sunday's are booked for preaching in supporting churches but if you would be interested in inviting me to speak at a mid-week meeting or to have time to catch up please be in touch asap. Thank you!

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'I thank my God every time I remember (my friends and visitors)' (Phil 1:3)