

AMBASSADORS F O O T B A L L



Recently we have been reading together about the Israelites and their wanderings in the desert. It is interesting to read about their obedience in following God day after day and yet we also read about their grumbings for food and then later for meat. God provides manna and quail for them and yet we read of God's anger at their grumbings. In human terms their requests seem reasonable enough but God sends a severe plague which kills many of them. This seems quite harsh and yet is due to a lack of faith and trust in God to provide for their needs. They want more than what God has given them. Isn't this so true. We spend our lives always wanting more. Nicer houses and cars. More food or better holidays. More free time to do what we want to do. We spend so much time trying to make our lives more comfortable and chasing after more that often we leave God completely to one side. Yes we may believe in Him but our relationship with God becomes dry and we miss out on the blessings which come from a daily walk with Him. As we look towards our move to Congo, a country far from home and without many of the luxuries which we enjoy here, we have been challenged to thank God for what He has provided for us and be content with that. Our joy, our happiness, our peace and fulfilment ultimately don't come from these things. Only God can truly provide them and they come from spending time with Him and living daily in the power of His Spirit.



Thank you so much for your prayers last month. We had an amazing time at the WEC Missionary Training College in Holland and learned so much about the Ministry of the Holy Spirit. We were able to meet up with our European Director and his family, and also Martijn van Beek who was on the tour to Guinea Bissau last summer!



We also spent a week at the start of this month at the WEC base in London with other missionaries as we look to be better prepared for living overseas and working as part of a cross-cultural team. We had time to catch up with Robert's sister Susan and her family as well as other friends who we won't see again before we move to Congo.



Robert will be in Congo from 2nd-15th April. There are plans for a football team to come to us in December and so there is a lot to do in order to prepare for it. Pray for safety in travel and also for good health. This could be a hugely significant tour so pray that we will be wise in the decisions we make. Pray also for Kyla at home with the kids.

- Please pray that we will be able to make the most of Robert's trip out in April. It is only two weeks away and we want to have packed two suitcases that he can take with him. Pray that we will be wise in knowing what to send at this stage in terms of clothes, home schooling materials, toys and other stuff.
- We have several meetings coming up to share about our plans and move to Congo.
- Robert would like to finish his dissertation by the end of May so pray that he will be able to get the time to do that.
- Jacob will be starting nursery 3 days a week in April so pray that he settles into that.
- We also need to look into medical insurance, begin the visa process, look at options for shipping stuff out to Congo, finalise our secondment agreement with Global Outreach Mission and much more! Pray that these will all happen with few problems so that we aren't left trying to get them done in the final few weeks before going.
- We hope to book flights in the next few weeks so will have a definite departure date then but are planning on late August or early September.



Thanks so much for all your prayers and support! It promises to be a very busy few months with a lot to do and we also want to be able to enjoy these last months with friends and family. There will be many changes and new things to deal with and overcome but we're thankful for your prayers and know that God has a plan and a purpose in it all.

If you would like to support us financially then please get in touch.

Ireland Office Update: Stewart Glass has settled into his role as Robert's replacement and is doing a great job. Pray that he will be able to balance home life and ministry especially in the coming months as he plans to get married as well as running football camps, tours and our upcoming Cycle for Hope Ireland!