

***"I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust."*** Psalm 91:2



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## Mission Leaders Forum

Robert has enjoyed being part of the Mission Leaders Forum that has met every 3 or 4 months or so. This is a group of missionaries who get together to pray and chat through various issues we face in mission. Many have been missionaries here or in other countries for many years and have a lot of experience so it is great to hear their stories and perspectives. Often there is no right or wrong answer, but it is helpful to think through these issues and the implications they have on our ministry here and what our response could be. There are often lots of opportunities and needs and it can be tempting to want to try and solve those without thinking through the long term implications. So it's great to be part of this group and it has been an encouragement to meet and get to know others who are involved in the Lord's work here.

## Physiotherapy Opportunities

Kyla is hoping to visit a local hospital in the coming weeks. She has always had a desire to use her experience in physiotherapy and it seems like there is a real need for her skills. There is another missionary who works at the hospital so Kyla plans to go along with her a few times and just get a feel for it and see what opportunities there would be if she decided to get involved. She has already been able to help a few other missionaries who have not been able to find good physio help here.

# Senegal

Jacob and Manuela enjoyed a night out with Daddy at the National Stadium to watch the Senegalese team from the 2010 World Cup play against an African legends team.



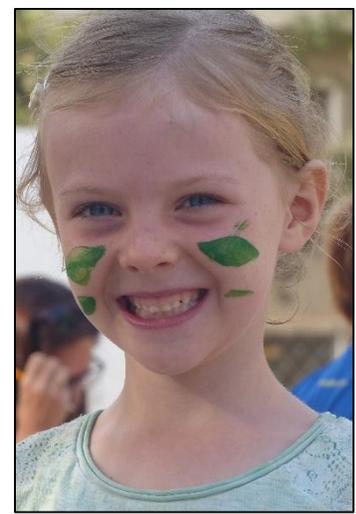
# Family Life

We do feel much more settled now and it has been such a blessing to finally have our car. We are so thankful to all who prayed and gave towards this and trust that it will be a reliable vehicle for all our needs. Although language is still a challenge for Kyla, we have got to know quite a few in the neighbourhood including some of the guards/gardeners who work in our little cul de sac. A few weeks ago we had them over for coffee which was good fun. We see these men every day and pray that in simple ways we will be able to share God's love with them.

The kids love school and life in general here. They have made friends at school and also got to know one or 2 of the Senegalese kids in the area. The weather is always dry and sunny so they spend a lot of time outdoors and enjoy that. They learn French at school but are still not really able to communicate properly with the other kids but that hasn't stopped them getting out and playing football or whatever.

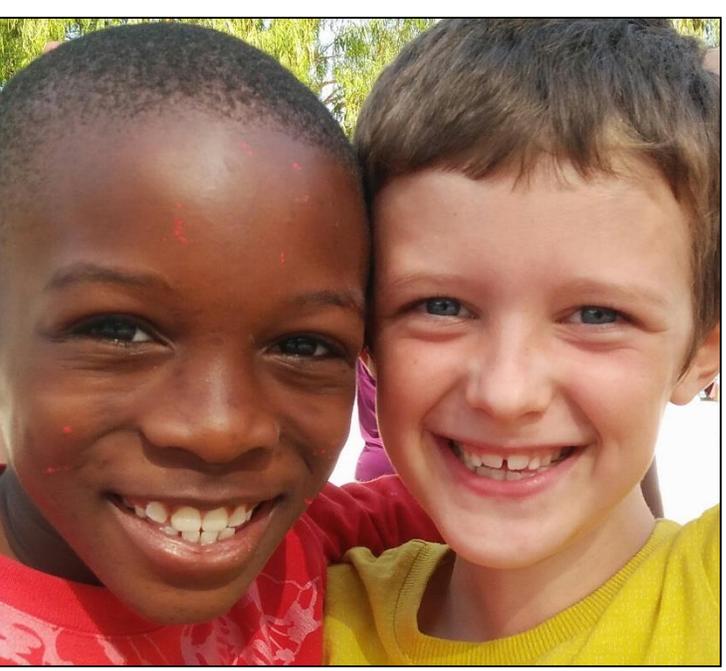
Kyla's mum has just had a shoulder operation and so when Robert gets back from Congo, Kyla is hoping to go home for a few weeks to help her as she recovers. Pray for a speedy recovery for Evelyn and also that Kyla would have a good time at home. Daniel will go with Kyla while Robert stays behind with Jacob and Manuela.





Dakar Academy Olympics!

While in Senegal, we are also getting an education in American culture at the kids school. So instead of 3 legged, egg and spoon or sack races we have a full on Olympics event with 50m, 100m, long jump etc! The kids loved it!





The last few weeks have been really dry and dusty. On the left you can see a satellite photo of the dust over Senegal and neighbouring countries.

## Dry and Dusty Dakar!



Praise God that the Presidential Elections passed off relatively peacefully. President Macky Sall was voted in for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term and although other candidates have rejected the result, they say a court challenge would be futile. There were some protests by students around the University, but it seems that most of the city is getting back to normal life.



For more information on Senegal, click on the link to Operation World's Senegal page:

<http://www.operationworld.org/country/sene/owtext.html>

# Congo Trip

## Itinerary:

9<sup>th</sup> March – fly to Brazzaville

11<sup>th</sup> March – fly to Impfondo

16<sup>th</sup> March – fly to Brazzaville

17<sup>th</sup> March – fly to Dakar

I am really looking forward to being back in Impfondo to catch up with friends we made during our time there and see first hand some of the ongoing ministry. Impfondo will always have a special place in our hearts and we are thankful for all that God did and continues to do there. My time will be filled with training coaches and also working with Martial who is the national leader. The ministry has grown since we left and there are a lot of opportunities so we need to think through what the next few years looks like and where we feel God is leading. I would really appreciate your prayers especially for our travel. Flights to and from Impfondo can be very unreliable at times but we have a tight schedule and don't want to miss any of our connections. Pray that the flights go as scheduled and that we can do all God wants us to in Impfondo. It is great to have others with me this time. Iain Williamson has been helping me with the work in Africa over the past couple of years and has a lot of experience in mission having served with WEC in Senegal and UK for many years. Adam Patton lived in Impfondo with us for 6 months so he knows the people and the set up there and everyone is looking forward to seeing him again. Seby de Vroome is a C&MA missionary here in Senegal but was on an Ambassadors tour quite a few years ago. It is great to have him involved and it will be good for him to see the work in Congo especially as we pray through what God is calling us to do here in Senegal.

## TREC



Our TREC coaches training has been developed over the past 30 years based on Ambassadors work around the world. Part of the course covers basic coaching training including sessions, drills, tactics and fun games to help coaches practically on the field. However a large part of the course is actually done in the classroom as we look at topics like the Biblical Basis for sports ministry, what it means to be a coach and how we can use our position as a coach to impact kids for Jesus. We also have seminars on learning how to start a team or academy, how to maintain a Christian ethos and also think through some of the issues we face in sports and what a Christian response is to some of these.