

It's hard to believe we have been home for 2 months now. Time has flown by and yet we feel like we have had very little time to visit people or catch up with folk. Kyla has been doing well for the most part but has been sick a couple of times including flu and pneumonia. Praise God that she is doing better now and that baby seems to be healthy and growing. The kids have enjoyed being back in NI, playing with cousins and friends, and enjoying plenty of the treats they haven't had for the past 2 years.

2 weeks ago we had a week away with Robert's family ... 16 of us in one house! Robert's sister Susan, her husband Wayne and their kids will move to Spain in August so it was nice to have some time all together before they leave. They will be in Madrid initially to learn Spanish and will then probably move to Gijon to be part of the WEC church planting team there.

We plan to return to Senegal in January for the kids start back at Dakar Academy on 8th. Although that seems a long way off, the time will go in quickly and the diary is filling up fast. Please pray that we would be wise in the things we prioritise while we are home.

Thanks so much for all your prayers and support. We really appreciate it and are thankful for God's faithfulness to us.

Praise:

- Purchase of a car for while we are home.
- We were able to stay at Kyla's Mum's house as soon as we arrived back.
- God has provided a lovely house for us to move into right beside the kids school.
- We have been able to do quite a few medical check ups since we got home ... eye, dentists etc.



Facing a task unfinished ...



Someone recently sent us out a CD by Keith and Kristin Getty. We really enjoyed it but 'Facing a Task Unfinished' was the one I played most and was really challenged by. And then while in Cleveland a few weeks ago, I was able to attend Parkside church on the Sunday morning. Alistair Begg spoke really well and challenged the congregation at the end about reaching the lost. I remember him asking whether our love for the lost is such that we would rather not go to heaven unless our unsaved friends, neighbours etc would also be there. Obviously all of us want to see people saved, but his point was that often we are happy to live our lives in the knowledge that we have been saved, yet without such a deep love for the lost that drives and motivates all we do. I know for me, even though in Senegal we are surrounded by many who have not even heard the gospel, I can get consumed by so many other things. I am not always 'driven to my knees' and am prone to 'slothful ease' despite the 'unnumbered souls that are dying'.

Please pray that God would challenge our hearts again and give us a greater love for the lost as we take the life giving message of Jesus to many in Senegal and beyond who don't know Him.

"Facing a task unfinished
That drives us to our knees
A need that, undiminished
Rebukes our slothful ease
We, who rejoice to know Thee
Renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee
To go and make Thee known

Where other lords beside Thee
Hold their unhindered sway
Where forces that defied Thee
Defy Thee still today
With none to heed their crying
For life, and love, and light
Unnumbered souls are dying
And pass into the night

We go to all the world
With kingdom hope unfurled
No other name has power to save
But Jesus Christ The Lord

We bear the torch that flaming
Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming
That Jesus died and rose
Ours is the same commission
The same glad message ours
Fired by the same ambition
To Thee we yield our powers

By Keith and Kristin Getty

Ambassadors Conference, Cleveland

It was great to spend a week in Cleveland at the end of June with Ambassadors workers from over 30 countries around the world. It has been 4 years since we last met together as a big group so it was great to catch up with one another, renew friendships and get to know some new folk too. The 2 key words for our meetings were Unity and Clarity. As the mission has grown globally these 2 words have become increasingly difficult to maintain but are essential for the mission to function well. There have been several changes to global structure and staff in the last year which we trust will help us as we move forward, but please pray for work that now needs to be done in order to help build unity and clarity across the mission.

Ambassadors, Congo

We had hoped that Pastor Martial would have been able to attend the meetings in Cleveland but he was not granted a visa. However, shortly after we found this out, he was offered the opportunity to attend the next level of training with the International Sports Coalition in South Africa. He attended an initial training in Cameroon a couple of years ago and amazingly this time was offered a scholarship for accommodation and food as well as having his return flights to Cape Town covered. We are very thankful for this and would appreciate your prayers for provision of the \$600 he needs for the course fee. If anyone would like to help with this please just get in touch.

As well as benefitting from the training, this will be an opportunity for him to improve his level of English and also connect with our Ambassadors workers in Cape Town. Please pray that God would use this time to speak into his life and also that he would be able to use what he learns to pass onto the team back in Congo when he returns.



Senegal:

As we look back on 2 years in Senegal, it is hard to know how to summarise or evaluate things. So much happened and yet in some ways it can be hard to see the progress. The first few years in a new country involves a lot of time and effort invested in daily life, trying to learn language and culture, settle the family, get to know your way around, make friends and start to feel part of the local community. It's not glamorous but it's an important foundation in order to be able to live and get involved in local ministry.

However, just before we left Senegal, Dave Cousens and I were able to meet with the leadership of a Bible College near Dakar. Dave is on our Ambassadors leadership team in Senegal and we met with the college to discuss a possible partnership. We were very encouraged by the meeting and look forward to seeing where God leads. I will share more about this in the coming months. We are also praying that God would call others to join our team as we look to establish a training centre for Christian coaches that can serve not only Senegal but other countries across West Africa. Thanks so much for your faithful prayers and support!

Although we are not in Senegal, there is plenty to get on with here at home.

- Speaking at various events and churches over the coming months.
- Robert is organising a tour from NI to Africa scheduled for next summer.
- Robert plans to visit Liberia and Nigeria in October.
- We are thinking about organising another Cycle for Hope. It is now 10 years since we did our first cycle down Africa and we are considering doing one in Senegal during 2020. This would partly be to raise awareness of the spiritual needs in Senegal but also help us raise some funds for the work in Senegal.
- Several missionaries who we have become friends with in Senegal are planning to visit us here while we are at home.
- We also want to take time to meet people and connect with church and supporters. It would be lovely to see as many as possible while we are home.

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