

"This far I have come with the Lord on my side. I've seen He's faithful for the Lord's Jehovah Jireh."

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PUTMAN NEWS

Rift Valley Academy is a boarding school based in Kijabe, Kenya run by Africa Inland Mission for children of missionary families. RVA's Mission Statement reads:

Educating and discipling students toward their potential in Christ thus enabling families to serve.

As a family, we believe God is leading us to go and work at RVA to teach and disciple children of missionaries across Africa.

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? Romans 10:14-15



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Financial Update - mobilisation deadline extended

Many of you have been asking if we made the deadline to raise our financial support by the end of May. Here's what's happened:

God has shown His mighty power in providing the vast majority of our finances (approx. 87% of a 5-year plan at time of writing!) in just two months. This has been an incredible journey and sight to behold as God has stirred hearts, engineered reconnections with people we have not seen for a long time, inspired people to get in touch, and placed opportunities in front of us. One person said that on the day he found out about our need to raise some financial support, he had just that morning been having a conversation with his wife about how their income had increased and they needed to find a way to give a bit more; God brought two situations together for His glory! We know that God is creative, but as we have tried to think of ways we could generate money and who we could contact to ask to give, we would never have approached the BBC... but instead, they approached us! We received a flyer through our door in April saying

that they were looking for a film location for a new BBC Three sitcom. We responded to the advert and they decided our property fitted the bill! Not only did they propose a payment for using our home, they also requested to make some alterations in the house e.g. redecorating bedrooms, re-grouting tiles in the bathroom and changing taps and installing a new shower! Needless to say we agreed and we thank God that not only has this provided some much needed income, it has also served to get a few maintenance jobs in the house done which needed doing in order to prepare the house to rent out when we leave. They have already begun filming and will return later in June to complete the job. Meanwhile they will put us up in an AirBnB locally so we get a little holiday out of it too! Having said this, we have crossed our deadline with an incomplete budget and in light of this, AIM have extended our window for fundraising until the end of June. **Praise God for his grace, which gives us not just what we need but fills our cup to overflowing. He is a God of blessing and abundance, and these things serve to make us realise our weakness and bow in awe and wonder. Please pray for continued provision and that as we speak with people God would keep drawing us and others to gaze upon Him in humble adoration.**

Among the gods there is none like you, Lord; no deeds can compare with yours. All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name. For you are great and do marvellous deeds; you alone are God.

Psalm 86 v 8-10

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BBC filming



Lois

Lois is our mission link partner at our sending church Christ Church, Barnston with St. Michael's, Pensby. Lois's job is to keep the PCC informed of our latest news, update the church on our ministry and encourage them to pray for us, to remind us to connect well with our home church family in order to sustain strong and deep links as we work as the Body of Christ together for the glory of God. Lois is a faithful friend whom we have known for over 10 years; she has taught both our girls in Sunday School and continues to invest in them by praying for them, and also buying them regular luxury treats! Lois spent some years teaching in Chile and so has a lot of valuable advice for us in this field. **Please thank God for Lois and pray that she will be blessed as she joyfully represents us on the Mission Committee. Pray that we will communicate well with each other, and that we always remember her and keep her supplied with news and stories! Pray too for the continuation of our Equip online course which Lois is facilitating for us.**



EBO Training

Since our last newsletter we have completed our Europe Based Orientation which proved to be so useful, encouraging and thought provoking. We made some wonderful friends through it who we are continuing to support and be supported by, through a new WhatsApp group. We continue to read the books recommended by AIM in order to prepare for all aspects of moving abroad with a family to live and work cross culturally. **Thank God for our new friends and pray we can find the time to finish the required reading and be as well prepared as possible before we go.**

Family

Sadie and Amber are coming towards the end of year 10 and 7. Thank God for how much they love school and for success in their studies, hobbies and friendships. They are both thriving and for this we are so grateful. **Do pray for their hearts as they wrestle with the tension between excitement and sadness as they think about saying goodbyes and looking towards what's ahead.**

We continue in our jobs for now, until the finances are cleared, at which point we can look to hand in our notice. **Praise God for our jobs and for the support and flexibility our bosses are showing.**

Please pray for our extended family; parents, siblings and cousins, as they prepare for us to leave, that they will hold tightly to God's hand as he cares for them and sustains them through the transition.

Thank you for your continued prayers, love and financial support.

With love,

John, Zoe, Sadie and Amber

'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.' Proverbs 3:5



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