PUTMANS' PROGRESS

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. Psalm 67: 3 & 5

An unexpected start to the term found us all in the UK from mid August to attend John's father's funeral and support his family. Amber flew back to Kenya mid September by herself and spent three weeks in the dorm whilst we stayed to take Sadie to university. It was not an easy time, the grief was real and it was harder than ever to say goodbye to family and come back this time. Not because we didn't want to be back, but because we were leaving behind the people we love the most.



Whilst we were away we missed the start of the new term which was unfortunate, but God provided wonderful people to fill our roles during those 5 weeks. Here is Zoe with the two ladies who took on Kindergarten whilst she was away.

John has begun his new role as the Hub Co-ordinator which is a pastoral role on the Student Wellness Team. "I receive all the concerns referral forms that staff enter when they notice concerns about students, triage them and forward them to the correct wellness department which includes counselling, student health, academics, Korean liaison, chaplaincy, child safety and dorm life. I then follow up with that team to make sure the student is being cared for appropriately. Additionally, I look after off-continent requests where we keep track of the times when boarding parents are not in Africa, which is only allowed under certain parameters as we seek to keep our students well. I chair the weekly Hub meeting of all those department leads making sure that we share pertinent information relating to the care of our students between departments so as not to miss anything that could help us care well. I also sit on the admissions committee meetings to represent the Student Wellness Area and on the Discipline Committee to determine what happens when students break the rules. If a student is suspended (yes, it happens at Christian schools too!) I draw up their return to school agreements and ensure that these are kept to by all involved. I'm also responsible for our Hub house, which we keep for parents who may need to visit their child in campus for various reasons including medical care or mental health breaks. It has been a really interesting, varied and influential role – I have very much enjoyed the contribution it has enabled me to make to the lives of our students, on a deeper level than I have previously been able to."

This year's dorm girls are lovely, and we are very much enjoying getting to know their personalities, their joys and strengths and learning about their families and the projects that their parents are involved with. Most girls speak more than one language, and all of them understand another language to some extent even if they are not fluent speakers. Below is a list to show you the variety of cultures represented! Third Culture Kids (TCKs) are living in a country that is not their passport country and are building their own unique culture which is a mix of the two cultures they are living between. This brings many strengths and joys, but it also brings challenges and can make a child's identity feel complicated. Please pray, as they make friends with one another that they can each find solidarity, friendship and understanding in knowing that they all share in this unique cross cultural experience! They amaze us with how they accept and respect one another and are eager to learn different ways of looking at the world from each other. It's fun to watch the girls trying to learn each other's languages, try each other's snacks and swap clothes!

Name	Age	Passport country	Ministry country	Languages spoken
Grace	13	Zambia	Malawi	English, Chichewa
Phoebe	12	China	Kenya	Mandarin, English
Tracy	12	Burundi	Burundi	French, Kirundi, English
Hadassah	13	Germany	Rwanda/Tanzania	German, English, Swahili
Sooji	13	South Korea	Zanzibar	Korean, English, Swahili
Yebin	14	South Korea	Ghana	Korean, English, Frafra
Hope	12	USA	Ethiopia	English, Amharic
Alivia	12	USA	Kenya	English
Dahui	13	South Korea	Tanzania	Korean, English
Yujin	13	South Korea	Kenya	Korean, English
Marie	12	Kenya	Kenya	Swahili, English








Prayer Points

- ⇒ **Give thanks for the people who covered our roles while we were away at the start of term.**
- ⇒ **Give thanks that our dear friend and church administrator, Cecelia Oliver is coming out on 21st November; pray for safe travels and an encouraging visit!**
- ⇒ **Give thanks that Sadie has settled well into university life.**
- ⇒ **Pray for John's family as they continue to grieve.**
- ⇒ **Pray for SUNI dorm girls that they make deep & lasting friendships together with other TCKs.**

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WhatsApp group

- **Want to see monkeys playing?**
- **Want to watch kindergarten say a bible memory verse?**
- **Want to hear some Korean worship?**

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This far we have come, with the Lord on our side, we've seen He's faithful, for the Lord's Jehovah Jireh.