

## Christmas 2023 news

Hi All,

Just a quick greeting from helper in Kigoma. All are now on holiday until Wednesday and so it is nice and quiet, now. Just me, a guard and a very poorly dog. I don't think he'll make many more days. So I am happy it is quiet for a few days.

It has been an unusual year in that I actually had a holiday away. Greece, courtesy of a friend who needed a crew to move his yacht, Turkey to look at Smyrna and Ephesus, and northern Cyprus to see if there were any properties that might be affordable. That drew a blank as N Cyprus is fast filling up with Russians, Ukrainians, Israelis and Iranians! House prices are rocketing. It also took time away I would normally have used to drive around and visit you. Next time as God allows!

Ben is still looking for 'Field' which is a post-training practice time with a company learning the art of excavating. Geoff and Ishimwe have ended up at the same university, by happy coincidence, though on different courses. Katie and Hope are back from Teacher Training Colleges and the A Level and O Level group are busy in the garden with the Work Party - or will continue to be on Wednesday, except for one who unfortunately has to stay at school over Christmas. The government Primary children are part of this group, but Sunshine are on holiday. It is lovely to see everybody again and see the progress they are making.

Thanks for:

We had a lovely visit from Elisia's church who brought several leaders, a bunch of children and a sack of beans, mango-flavoured milk drinks and clothes for us. We had a nice time together.

I had visitors yesterday from Matyazo Hospital - a friend who is a doctor at their sister hospital and German eye surgeon who had just flown in. I'm humbled by the value of what these manage to do to help people and often unappreciated by those who should know better.

Tomorrow I'm invited to a Christmas Dinner later afternoon which I think I'll miss so I can be with Nyika, but tomorrow evening Elisia is bringing her sister and some food which is so kind of her. Alas her husband who is working in Shinyanga could not get time off work, so their planned Christmas has been postponed until next year. But we give thanks that her baby is swimming

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around normally as babies do and things look hopeful for a full-term baby. Bless God.

Pray for:

Vialeth with a heart problem, now transferred to Kigoma Baptist and that Urea's cancer treatment is going well.

January will be the biggest expense we have had so far as students climb further up the education tree. Please pray our Gracious Lord will provide as He has always done when next month comes!

Each student and staff member to allow themselves to be a Bethlehem for Jesus and receive Him in a fuller way into their hearts as part of their journey with Him.

God bless you and have a very Happy Christmas and New Year!

Andy and the team

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