



# Clarke's Clattering

May 17

Dear friends and family,

Hello!!! Praying you are all well

April in Rwanda is a sober and reflective time as it marks the anniversary of the start of the Genocide which swept across the country in 1994. The whole 100 days during which the genocide occurred is a mourning period, most commemorative events happen in April (starting April 7th). Because of this most shops close, families travel back to their village and commemorative services are held all over the country, so for us to the work and life slows down a lot. If you don't know much about this time in the history of Rwanda, read about it here.

[www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rwandan\\_genocide](http://www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rwandan_genocide)

We managed to have a small family break away during this time as it was school holidays as well. It was a great time of refreshment and rejuvenation for all of us. It was particularly good as Toby had received his new Australian passport and could fly back on the day he needed to, if you missed that particular event, then check it out on Facebook)

Since starting work last week, Toby has been flat out in fact helping out with budget report, not the most glamorous work but his eye for numbers and skills in Excel make his sadly very qualified for the work. Esme has not gone out to the field during April as it is memorial month. She will begin back again this week or next and is eagerly looking forward to it.

We also had the opportunity to go to the British Embassy here (Australia does not have one) and have a evening commemorative time for ANZAC. It was a lovely time, hearing from representative from all sides of the conflict, as well as the opportunity to eat a meat pie!

The boys have begun their last term for school for the year. (As we work with the International school calendar which is the American system). Zebi has just started piano lessons and is loving it and Raphael is looking forward to starting art classes soon.

Some other big news is we are in the process of applying for the boys to go to a small family oriented school here, there are only about 30 children covering grades K-6 so with each step we are trusting God as it is somewhat of a financial constraint as school costs is not in our budget. However, we feel that the boys would benefit from some time without us being the teachers. We still LOVE home schooling and will still continue to teach them some things at home.

We are enjoying fellowship and friendship in our community and continue to meet new people. It is also coming up to the middle of the year, which is a time when many people from the Northern Hemisphere finish their contracts or decide to return home for many reasons, we have already said goodbye to some friends and there are many more moving on as well, which is sad, but then in a few months lots of new families will begin to arrive again

Our puppy is doing well, sadly a month ago our other puppy succumbed to an illness (we are really not sure what it was) so Zebi has been quite upset about that.

Our car back from being fixed at the mechanics for the umpteenth time, we are praying that it will survive for us for as long as it can and that God will provide the finances for us to purchase another vehicle. If you can help us with the purchase of another vehicle, please let us know by email or private message as we are raising funds at the moment thanks to a close friend who has set up a GoFundMe page for us.

[www.gofundme.com/clarkesinrwanda](http://www.gofundme.com/clarkesinrwanda)

We are looking forwards to gearing up again after a slow April, and look forwards to again making an impact for the Kingdom both physically and spiritually.



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## Praise Points

- Our car can drive
- We had the opportunity for a much needed family recharge time
- A growing circle of friends, both for us adults but also for the kids
- The boys doing woodwork with dad and keeping all their fingers and toes intact
- The ability to live here and make an impact on peoples lives, thank you

## Prayer Points

- We need a "new" car within next 3 months
- Zeb can greave the loss of his puppy
- Strength to hit the ground running this month
- Our finances for kids school and living to become more certain

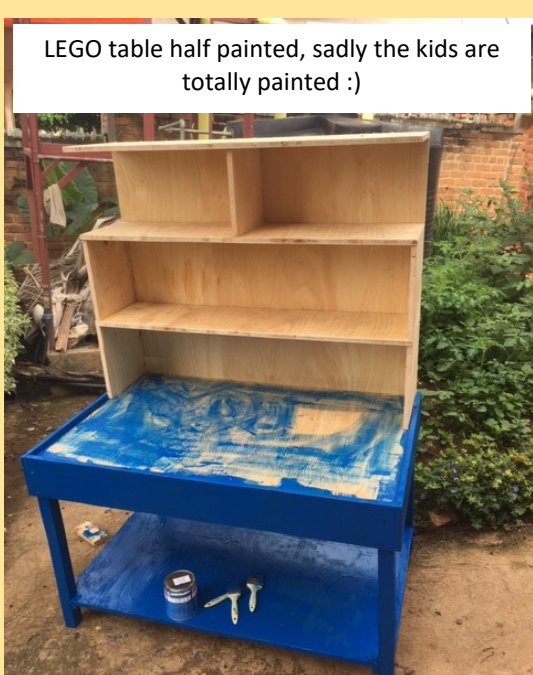
*God bless & love to chat!!!!*

*Toby, Esme,*

*Raph & Zeb*

[Toby's April Fools Day joke, read it here](#)

## How are we going?



During the passport drama, Toby got to spend his birthday with his brother, which was great



When we had 2 :(

