



NURSE'S NOTES

CHARTING ON MY LIFE IN RWANDA

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So what's happened since my last newsletter? I spent two weeks in Greece with 900 other people—all of us serving God in healthcare around the world! It was an amazing time, meeting doctors, nurses, physical therapists, dentists, midwives, and others—working in mission hospitals, refugee camps, closed countries, government medical schools, government hospitals, remote villages, nursing education, with the USA government, UN, and other large organizations—to bring physical and spiritual healing in 86 different countries around the world. Sometimes being in Free Methodist missions where healthcare is a small percentage of the organization, I feel like a lone nurse. But this conference was such an encouragement to me as there are thousands of us out there, working to serve Christ as he has called us.



Athens, Greece



Venice, Italy

From Greece I flew to Italy to visit four friends who'd worked or volunteered at Kibogora in the past. Italy was a much needed break from the business of Kibogora and the intense learning of the conference—sightseeing, playing games, hanging out, doing nothing, and laughing with friends who understood life at Kibogora.

From Italy I flew to the USA to visit my family. In January my sister adopted her two foster girls, so I went home to see my nieces. They were so excited when they walked through the door and saw me! Maci (4) came running to give me a hug, and Sophie (8) was so excited that all she could do was jump up and down, clapping her hands. 😊 We had a great month, going to the zoo, swimming, cooking, coloring, sewing, and jumping on the trampoline.



Then back to Kibogora! Greece, Italy, USA—but such a nice feeling to get home to my own bed, my own space, and ready for work. Good thing too as the month of May was a busy one—93 babies admitted. There were many days when we were very unsafe with too many babies and not enough nurses, but God protected the babies.





In January a new program from UNICEF started where two days a month a pediatrician and nurse come to mentor us on how to provide good neonatal care. While I was gone, a nurse midwife was also added to the program, so he comes every other week for the whole week. Some of what they're teaching is a good review



for my nurses. Some is new information because UNICEF donated two neonatal blood pressure machines—something we've never had! Sadly, some of the information is Rwandan traditional neonatal care with no research or scientific backing to it. So their visits for me can be a lesson in patience and tact.

With 93 babies this month we've really felt the need for more space. I met with the District engineer last week and was excited to hear that we're close to having all the required documents for submitting the new maternity building plan proposal to the government for final approval!



Padernello, Italy



Verona, Italy

Praises

- Encouragement
- My nieces
- A job I love...most of the time ☺

Prayer Requests

- Patience
- God's continued protection for the babies on busy days
- Finalize quickly the plans for the new maternity building

Venice, Italy



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