

A Nurse's Notes

Charting on my Year in the United States

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Overcoming Another Hurdle

Before I went to Rwanda and when I came home in November, 2010, for a one month visit, I really enjoyed speaking in the churches, sharing what God was doing in Rwanda and my work there. So on returning to the USA this year, I was looking forward to sharing again. But when I got home, I found adjusting to life in the USA made it difficult to speak at churches and meet so many new people. So I was really excited when the first Sunday of October as I spoke at Lynnwood, I realized the joy was there again. God continues to be faithful as I keep following Him. With time I'm adjusting to life in the USA and growing in my relationship with God in the process. So thank you, everyone, for being patient with me as I learn and grow.

Sharing in California

Mid-October I shared about Rwanda at two churches in California. I enjoyed visiting churches where I'd never been and finding people who knew about the work in Rwanda and some who had even visited Kibogora! I also spent a day in Yosemite, enjoying God's creation. When I was 13, I visited Yosemite with my family. That day was in June, the coldest June in years! In fact, most people walked around wrapped in sleeping bags and blankets because they hadn't brought warm enough clothes. Thankfully, since we were from the "warm" climate of Washington, we had our coats with us. Well, this visit I followed tradition and definitely needed my sweater and coat. There was even snow on the ground at Glacier Point. But at least they served really good hot chocolate!! After Yosemite, I drove two hours north to spend a few days with family. It was a great week of sharing about Rwanda, enjoying God's beauty, and visiting new places like Lake Tahoe.

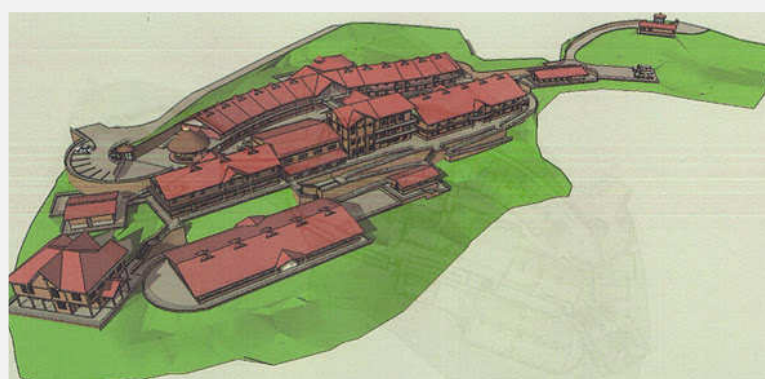


Looking Ahead

October 30th to November 13th I'm headed to Chile, South America. My family and nine other folks are going to work on a Free Methodist church remodel project. The church meets in a large three-story house. Because so many people attend church on Sundays, they have to sit in the small adjoining rooms and can't see the pastor as he speaks. So the project is to take the interior walls down to form one large sanctuary. Between now and when we arrive, they are putting up beams and columns. When we get there, we will join them in what needs to be done and, hopefully, finish the project.

I'm excited to go and work with another branch of God's family. I wonder how I'll do with my Spanish. When I hear Spanish, I can understand some of it, thanks to studying Spanish in high school and college. But if I start speaking Spanish and out comes French...it

might be interesting in Chile. 😊



Building Plans

In April a team from Uganda, England, and the United States came to Kibogora. They were with eMi, Engineering

Missions International. They created a future building plan for Kibogora Hospital to not only expand the space we have but also provide better air ventilation, clean water, sewage systems, etc. This month some of the eMi representatives and Sheila met with the Ministry of Health of the Rwandan government to show them the building plans. The Ministry of Health liked what they saw, which is exciting as this means that possibly the government will pay for some of the construction. If you are interested in seeing the plans, go to www.kibogora.org

and on the home page, click on Kibogora Hospital Development Plan. Then at the bottom of that page, click on the Picasa Web Album.



Mama Chandrine, I wonder what she is up to these days.

Praises

- ◆ The chance to go on the Chile trip
- ◆ Chance to enjoy the beauty of California
- ◆ God's faithfulness

Prayer Requests

- ◆ Chile trip
- ◆ Grandmother and my uncle and aunt as they stay with her
- ◆ Wisdom for the Kibogora Hospital leadership

Speaking Schedule:

October 23, Burien, WA
October 30-November 13 Missions Trip to Chile
November 20, Marysville, WA
November 27, Bellingham, WA