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Burundi Trip Recap

Wow, what a trip! Josiah and I made the long trip to Burundi with 9 others from the states (5 of us from Indiana). We had a great trip and worked really hard. We finished the security wall that is around our house, we also buried water and electrical lines, helped organize equipment in a tool shed and organized items in the storage container for widows to store grains and seeds. We also laid the water and electrical lines for a storage unit that will be used as a hammer mill work station to turn moringa and other plants into powder to help add nutrition for widows and orphans.



There were so many highlights on this trip. One neat story was with a young man name Jean Paul. He attends the University which is located on the other side of Mt. Hope. He came over and began talking to me so I shared the gospel with him through the Evangecube. He was so interested he asked if I would disciple him in his Christian walk when we live in Burundi. I look forward to what kind of young men God will bring across my path when in Burundi who are hungry to learn more about God.

Burundi trip recap continued...

Mt. Hope currently has 420 coffee trees, 1,000 cassava trees, 1,500 pineapple bushes, 20 chickens, 2 pregnant pigs and 100 rabbits arriving soon. Not only is this where we will live and work mostly, but this is also where we will get to walk alongside widows and orphans being trained to care for these plants and animals and go back to their home regions and teach others. Mt. Hope is the central training center, so to speak, and is helping equip the widows and orphans not only to help improve their lives, but also to minister to every soul that comes there by sharing the gospel, discipling and encouraging them spiritually.

Not only is our family is excited for this new adventure, but it was humbling to see, in person, the staff reaction to us coming to live in Burundi. They are genuinely excited for our family to live alongside them and we are genuinely humbled to have the opportunity to serve them, the widows, orphans and the people of Burundi.



Departure Date and Travel

We just contacted our travel agent and are looking at a departure date of late July/early August. The house should be completed in late June and the staff would like time to get it nicely furnished for us.

We have a trip out west scheduled for most of the month of May. We will have various support meetings in multiple states.

For more updates check out our blog: <u>www.carriedbylivingwater.com</u>

Praise and Prayer

Praise for the trip going so well and the team accomplishing so much.

-Josh K

- Praise that the trip gave Josh and Josiah time to have great spiritual conversations, Josiah made the decision he would like to be baptized.
- Praise for Michelle's ankle healing (sprained it a few weeks ago).
- Prayer as we continue to adjust to a lot of change and prepare our hearts for moving.
- Prayer for our trip out west to be fruitful for support raising and seeing friends and family.

