

Link Letter No.4 May 2013

Dear friends,

We hope that this link letter finds you well. Thank you so much for all your support but apologies that we have been a little quiet the past few months. We are keeping well and really enjoying our time at All Nations Christian College – it is amazing to think we are already in our final term. It has been so lovely to experience all the seasons here in the UK, and are especially pleased that spring is finally here (Efraim especially is not impressed with British weather!).

A new work possibility

We have been praying and knocking on doors for possible options of work next year, and numerous possibilities have been suggested in all sorts of different places, which we have prayed about and thought through. At the moment we are in the process of negotiations with an NGO called Opportunity International who very keen to utilise Efraim's project management skills in their various projects around Africa. They are a Christian micro-finance organisation, and are keen to be in partnership with CMS. We would appreciate your prayers as Opportunity and CMS meet and decide how the secondment will work. The job would involve Efraim travelling around Africa, so we need to live near a good African airport. We are particularly excited at the possibility of living in Kampala, Uganda, which has strong CMS connections, and the possibility of getting involved in the local diocese there. Opportunity International has some openings for



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Ruth with health work, but we are also investigating other health work options for her, especially within the area of breastfeeding and post-natal work.

Summer schedule

In the meantime we have a busy term with our studies here in the UK. Ruth will be doing an extra summer school in July so that she has completed all the taught components of her MA in Development with Mission. At the end of July we will be going out to Brazil, taking a mission team to Porto Alegre to work with the church in Cachoeirinha for 10 days.



Spring life at ANCC

After this we will spend three weeks in Recife seeing family and friends. We would really appreciate your prayers during this time, especially for Max with all the flights and change in routines.

Autumn...

In the autumn we are hoping and praying that All Nations will have some accommodation spare for us, in order for us to be based at the college while we do some church visits. This would enable Max to continue with the morning crèche which he loves. Ruth can then continue her assignments for her MA and voluntary work as a breastfeeding counsellor locally, and Efraim will be able to study and complete his project management 'PRINCE 2' qualification before we leave for Africa.



Max playing with trains

Life...

Our life feels quite full and busy at the moment, but we are so thankful to the Lord for the opportunities he is giving us as a family. Over the Easter we had a lovely relaxing week in Budleigh Salterton, in Devon. Max is growing up so fast and at the moment is crazy about blue cars, blue trains and blue tractors!

Prayer:

- For discussions between CMS and Opportunity International, and for the Lord's guidance with details such as where we live, which church we serve and the right health project for Ruth etc.
- For our studies at All Nations, especially with completing all the assignments.
- For the organisation and planning of the St Aldate's Oxford team coming with us to Brazil.
- For Max over this time of transition, that we are able to keep his life resembling some sort of routine.

Praise:

- For our time at All Nations College, and the opportunity to study in such beautiful surroundings.
- For the possibility of work with Opportunity International, which so well fits Efraim's skills.
- For Max who is enjoying crèche and all his little friends in the All Nations Community.

Thank you so much for all your support. We will keep you posted with things as they unfold.

With love and God bless

Efraim, Ruth and Max

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