

# Moments with Molly



Serving in Rwanda, September 2009

## Praises

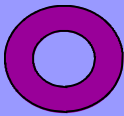
School is going really well!

The two new English-teacher interns, Johnny and Drew, arrived safely.

I am in awe of all the Lord is teaching me!

We just found out that my sister, Chris, is pregnant and due in April! What a blessing!

My nephew, Tatum, turned six on September 16th! We thank the Lord for the blessing and joy he is to all of us!



## Please pray

- for me as I learn each day what it means to be a teacher.

- for me as I find a place to serve and contribute to the Rwandan church.

- for Liz and me to learn to be an efficient and loving team.

- that the relationships we build with our students would be based on Christ and His love.

- for my language learning to continue to go well and that I will learn quickly.

- for unity among our growing Friends team here.

- that I would continue to grow and be encouraged by what the Lord is teaching me.

- for continued reconciliation and healing among Rwandans.

Muraho! (Hello!) I hope all of you are doing well. I am in my second month in Rwanda. It is crazy to think I have already been here this long. I have now taught two really blessed weeks of school. I have worked hard, but the Lord has provided the energy, and above all, peace. I told our team the other day that there is no reason these two weeks should have gone so well except for the Lord. It is my first two weeks teaching *ever*, I live in a foreign country, and I am learning a new language, etc. With these things, I can tell you honestly that it has been two wonderful weeks. I am learning a ton about teaching seventh graders as well as how to teach kids on all different levels at the same time. The Lord has given me such a heart for being here. I am so grateful.

My students are precious. They are all so excited to be at school. It is fun to get to know each of them. I am really enjoying hearing my name said by Martha, one of my first graders from Britain. The way she says my name is amazingly sweet and encouraging. Missionary children have an incredible ability to adapt and accept circumstances, which is a huge blessing. They have an incredible worldview and love for the Lord. Most of them have never been in a class this big and so adjusting to that difference is hard for all of us at times, but they are doing so well.



*Birthday boys*

Aren's and Brad's birthdays were this month. For Brad's we went out to eat at a local restaurant. I like eating out here, but it takes forever. People like to come and enjoy themselves for hours, and the food takes literally two hours to come out. Fast food doesn't really exist here! After going to the restaurant we went back to Brad and Chelsea's house and had homemade ice cream and brownies. It was a great evening together as a team. For Aren's birthday all of the older boys at school are going to go camping at a local game park. They are all so excited!

A few days ago I went to Debby Thomas' moringa field. Debby is one of the main Friends missionaries here. In January she started a business with a plant called a moringa. Moringa trees have a huge amount of nutritional value and are really easy to grow here in Rwanda. Debby has bought a few acres of land and has started planting. She has hired several Rwandans to work for her. The business has many purposes, but Debby's model is to do business as missions. She is hoping that her interactions with the local community and the impact of this nutritional plant will bring God glory, bring nutrition into more Africans' diets, and bring people



*Liz and me*



*Laura and me at Brad's birthday*

### Events

Drew and Johnny arrived on  
September 3

Brad's birthday  
September 7th

Aren's birthday  
September 15th

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to the Lord.

Going to her field was really neat. She has worked really hard and learned a ton. I enjoyed getting to see all of the different ways to farm moringa, and the view of the valley was an added pleasant surprise. Alandra, Gwen, and Aren kept all of the neighborhood kids and us entertained. Those kids thought we were the best things they had seen in awhile. They all stood on the edge of the field and just watched us walk about. I think it was because of the girls' really fair hair and skin, as well as the Thomas family dog Kenzie. Rwandans tend to be really afraid of dogs! The idea of having them as pets is crazy to them.

Finally, I want to share with you what I am learning about the Lord's faithfulness. During Bible time with my first and second graders we were discussing Genesis and how faithful God was to His people. I was so struck by their answers. They have a faith and trust in God that I long for. They have faith like God calls all of us to have. I am praying that we all are reminded of His love and promises to us. He is faithful. Have a great September! Love, Molly



*Baby moringa trees*



*Say "Hi!" Don't they look excited!*



*First and second grade classrooms*



*Aren*



*Kigali*

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