

Dear All,

The last few months have been hectic to say the least. Was pleased to see Steve Jenkins here in Kampala at the beginning of November. It was great to spend time with him and catch up with all the news from home.



Term came to a crazy and stressful end with our Year 5/6 play, Grease, as the climax. It came together only in the final stages and then became a resounding success. Never again, I say that each year. The crowning glory was a quad bike driven on and off the stage representing the car 'Greased Lightning'!



Out of school Amigos opened and it was fun to see the metamorphous of an empty shell of a room into the now bustling coffee shop.



Before



After



The Sunday School nativity was also a hit as the children led the whole service. (Ian was also preaching that week.) I have had a few weeks off Sunday School whilst Mum has visited and start again next Sunday.



Mum came over just before the end of term and we did some travelling during the holiday and also just hung out in Kampala.



Mum



Rhino Sanctuary



Rhino at close quarters!



Sipi Falls



We had a great Christmas together and had a lot of fun. I had no car as it was in with the mechanic so Mum was a real trooper travelling everywhere on local transport, foot,

bodda bodda, matatu and big old buses. A truly Ugandan experience. We went to Hoima, took a walk through Budonga Forest, visited Masindi and the Rhino Sanctuary on our way home. After a few days in Kampala we ventured out again for three nights to Sipi Falls in the East of Uganda. Here we ate, rested and took walks looking at the gorgeous scenery. We spent a rainy Christmas Day at Ian's and did not let the mud deter us from taking our Christmas Day walk, brandishing umbrellas and wearing oversized flip flops with our trousers rolled up and mud splattering up our legs as we failed to avoid the quagmire surrounding us. I was very sad to take Mum back to the airport on Boxing Day.

Both Ryan and Graciella are growing a pace and are healthy and happy. Mum was glad to meet them both.



Ryan



Graciella

With Mum gone I have succumbed to a stinker of a cold and am struggling with my mid term plans and starting my reports which are due almost as soon as I return to school on Jan 4th. Am praying that the next term is a little calmer and far less stressful. Meanwhile sending all of you my love and prayers that you are blessed in the coming year. How did the last one go so fast?

Many thanks for all your love and support.
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Catherine

