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Worship Fountain and Flags at YWAM University of the Nations

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Greetings!

Our Journey -

Let God blow His wind, His trials, oxygen for joy's fire. Leave the hand open and be. Be at peace. Bend the knee and be small and let God give what God chooses to give because He only gives love and whisper surprised thanks. This is the fuel for joy's flame. Ann Voskamp

This last year I learned that being thankful to Jesus for His blessings is the secret of being content. I have walked through some challenging things in the last few years, as we all do at different times in life. When I last wrote I was living in a motor home in the rain with an infant, toddler, and my husband recovering from surgery. As circumstances and plans changed, I have tried to accept all things with my hands open, knowing that my Father is good and kind. Now, as Adriano does physical therapy (and we pray he doesn't need another surgery) his green card is getting processed and we have the opportunity to study at The University of the Nations. We arrived here in January. For 14 years I have wanted to come here. This is not a hard thing, which is so different than the last 10 years. Getting anything done in Mozambique is a fight. 10 years. I've spent the last 10 years fighting in Mozambique.

I'm not used to not fighting. How do I open my hand to accept something that isn't a struggle? It's hard to believe I get to be here.

The University of the Nations

We love the mission of the University of the Nations. The mission is to equip missionaries to all nations and from all nations. In Adriano's class of 12, 7 nations are represented. It is a university run by Youth With A Mission, one of the largest mission organizations world-wide with over 2000 bases. There are 600 full-time staff at the university who are supported as missionaries to equip missionaries. Currently there are approximately 600 students. Practical application on the mission field is a huge component of training.

Here, volunteer scientists oversee a farm where experimentation is done to learn how to produce food in harsh environments and they are having incredible results. I am excited to learn tools to alleviate hunger. My biology degree may come in handy in an unexpected way!



Here scientists experiment to find ways to alleviate hunger

Pioneering in Mozambique

We love YWAM and want to work more with the larger YWAM missionary community on the mission field.

Pioneering an orphanage in Mozambique has been challenging because there has been so much pouring out with little opportunity for refreshment and support. This was especially felt when we married and had children.

Pioneering an orphanage in Mozambique has been wonderful because I have gotten to see God at work in restoring lives and building Godly leaders for their nation. It has been a privilege to be His hands and feet, picking up hungry children and feeding them. I have gotten to take children with little opportunity, educate them, and watch as they, now young men, love and minister to other children in the community. I can give testimony to the beauty of our Lord bringing life and hope in the darkest of corners.



Picture with Pedro, one of our treasures in Mozambique

Seasons as a Missionary

Now our Mozambican staff are trained and are able to love and minister to our Mozambican children in the orphanage and a missionary is onsite to support the staff. Although we tried to return to Mozambique twice last year, plane tickets were cancelled due to health problems. It became clearer and clearer that the Lord had a different plan for our family for this season. As soon as we receive the required travel documents and are able to leave the U.S., we still hope to return to Mozambique later this year.

I continue to operate in the role of Director of The Dream Project. I am overseeing the US office of The Dream Project that is run solely by volunteers and supports the orphanage and mission work and am also overseeing operations in Mozambique; administrating and communicating with staff. Adriano's days are filled with class time and study that will equip him in new ways for the mission field.

Living in student housing on the university campus, eating in the cafeteria, and not having a car, sets a different pace of life. I am enjoying having more quality time to be a mom. I hope to finally get to my wedding album and baby books too! Although I have not left campus much, I love the beauty of the flowers and the trees on campus and look forward to exploring more of God's creation. Did I say I can't believe I get to be here? Hawaii. The University of the Nations is in Hawaii of all places! It's a bit different here than in Mozambique! Being based in Hawaii facilitates the university to be a launching place to nations in proximity. Main events are all translated into Korean as the Korean population here is very large.



Natural Beauty on Campus

Hands Open

I have come to understand that opening my hand to this is opening my hand to Jesus, as I have a strong peace that He has led us here at this time. The University of the Nations is a fit for our family in ways I wouldn't have even known to articulate. In a special way, it feels like home even though everyone and everything is new.

Please keep us in prayer and let us know anything the Lord shows you or any questions you have. If at any time Jesus directs you to support us differently, please let us know. We are so grateful and humbled by the support you have given to us and to the vulnerable children in Mozambique. May we each hear from the Lord and be led by Him.

I will be writing a blog and will let you know when I have it up.

We are so thankful for you!

Because of Jesus,
Julia for the Uliano Family

We'd love to hear from you!

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Our Place (although we are moving today to a similar room with loft due to floor shower leak!)





The Boys on Adriano's Birthday



Samuel at his 3 year-old birthday party



Samuel looking for lizards in this large tree trunk



Dirty Samuel after a long day of play





Happy Benjamin turns 1 this week!



Impromptu photo op by photography students while the boys play



Eating in the cafeteria



This cafeteria serves 1200 people each meal

Thank you for partnering with us in the Lord's Calling on Our Lives.

Our Vision:

Julia - Bring suffering children to Jesus among the poorest of the poor.

Adriano - Train up leaders and equip Christians in their faith.

We are passionate to share Jesus with those who have little or no opportunity to know Him.

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