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## Lilongwe Lowdown - Winter 2015

It is finally Friday evening and after a very long week, the power is out, so I'm sat in candlelight (it's amazing how quickly it loses its romantic charm!) but as I reflect back on the last little while, I smile, **God has been faithfully good.**

Work continues to go well; there are rumours of a promotion, which as yet needs to be finalised, but it's a positive step in the right direction. I truly believe I am working within an environment where I can inform, advocate, and develop the education and inclusion of children with special educational needs here in Malawi.

As a class we continue to grow and learn together. A ever I have a little class of Malawian northerners, all of whom call you 'love' and think everything is 'ace'! We have had a few challenges, mainly from "prophets" giving parents false hope for a small fortune. This is not unusual in many African countries, and it is very tiresome walking a thin line between religion, faith, culture, fear and perception of these so called prophets. Please pray for knowledge, wisdom and understanding for me, and peace and strength for parents crying out for answers and healings.



Due to the very busy timetable at **Bambino**, it has been a couple of months since I have managed to visit the Crisis Nursery, however I am still in contact with them. A friend from home,

Lucy, recently sent me a parcel of her son's old clothes, as well as donations of equipment from St Francis School in Lincoln. All of these donations were so gratefully received; it was a pleasure and honour being able to play the part of Santa when delivering the gifts!

One of my dearest friends Karen came for a visit for a couple of weeks; this was a wonderful time of rest, travel and adventure. Although I did spend five very painful days in the government offices trying to register my car... a brilliant initiative that relies on fast Internet and a constant power supply, neither of which we have here! Anyway, after a week, and the help of some friends with more patience than me, I finally got all the legal paperwork sorted!

One of the most exciting things I've been involved in was the **Lake of Stars Festival**, dubbed as one of Africa's best festivals. With over 90 local and international acts, I was given the job of Crew Manager, taking care of over 360 people! I have never worked so hard; 5 days and just over 4 hours sleep - but I loved it! It was amazing how many Christians 'happened to be involved' at the decision-making level during the Festival. God used each of us, with our talents and strengths, to shine a light for Him in a very worldly environment. It was amazing and such an eye opener to the world of promotion and event management. I made some wonderful new friends in the process.

Thank you for continuing to support me in the ways you do. I think of you all often. I'll be home at Christmas to fulfil my biggest job to date... as an Auntie!! I cannot wait to meet the little fellow! If I don't manage to catch up with you, I apologise now, I will only have eyes for him!

With all my love, and continued thanks,

Kathryn x

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