



Hello everyone,

I hope you're all doing well. We have been at All Nations Christian College for 8 weeks now, so I thought it was time that we check in with you and let you know how things have been going for us. We moved into All Nations on the 4th of September so that the girls could start school with all the other children and thankfully they have settled in really well; all of them have made new school friends and they have enjoyed getting to know the other kids who live on site here at All Nations too.

For Steph and I, it's been quite a hectic time of getting used to being students again, settling into our new surroundings and trying to finish off all the other outstanding administrative tasks that we need to do before we can move to Uganda. I don't think either of us had expected to have been as busy as we have been, but we are enjoying a brief lull in the busyness this week with the girls being away visiting their grandparents for half term.

All Nations is a wonderful place to live, and although I must admit I was a bit nervous about living in such a tight knit community, we have loved meeting people from all over the world and learning from their experiences of serving Jesus in different countries and cultures. We have met people from the Netherlands, Switzerland, Ghana, Romania, Rwanda, Norway, Hong Kong, America, Ireland, France, and Germany to name just a few, and have loved listening to their stories of life in different parts of the world.

It's also quite a beautiful place, with lots of places to go walking and woodland to explore.





The course we are doing here at All Nations is called 'En Route' and it's designed to help Christian mission workers to prepare for service in cultures different to their own. So far, we have covered topics about who we are in Christ, the bible and mission, culture and religion and how to relate to people across cultures. Each topic has been really interesting, and the lecturers present them in ways that get you to question your own perspective, which I've found really helpful.

One of the highlights of the course has been a day trip to Southall, where we spent time visiting a church, a Hindu temple, a Sikh Temple, and a Mosque. It was very interesting to find out more about each religions beliefs and how they all live alongside each other in such a multicultural community. It's great to have more understanding of how we can engage with different faiths when we're trying to build with them and share the gospel message.

In other news, I was told last week that my work permit that will allow me to work in Uganda has been approved! This was very exciting news and it has meant that we could book our flights to Uganda for January 2023!

Our plan is, we will leave the UK from Heathrow Airport on the 5th of January so that the girls will be able to start school at the beginning of the school term, along with all the other international kids. This will also allow us to spend time with family and friends over the Christmas period, which we're very much looking forward too. It will be good to have one last Christmas in the UK before we move to Uganda.

Anyway that's probably enough from me for now; here is an update from Mrs Draper...

A Word From Steph.....

Hi everyone, firstly thank you all so much for all your prayers, we have been feeling the power of them over the last 8 weeks! We have much to be thankful to God for, old and new friends helping to source school uniforms in a matter of a few days whilst we were on holiday, new friends showing us the ropes here at college, how well the girls have settled into their new school, and Gods provision of Marks work permit.

Whilst we are learning a lot from the course that will be of great value in serving Him in Uganda, God is also taking me on a spiritual journey. Going deeper in my relationship with Him has been the most special and enriching time.

I am loving the community here and the friendships I have made. I look forward to sharing the rest of our journey with you.

God Bless

Steph

Prayer Points

That we would be able to finalise the shipping of our container over the next couple of weeks and that we would find someone to rent our house in Luton.

That we would all remain in good health.

That we would enjoy the last few weeks of our course at All Nations and build on what we have learnt.

Praise God

Marks work permit has been approved and we have been able to book flights to Uganda for early January.

The girls have settled into school and life here at All Nations.