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Mission accomplished...well almost!

It has been such a wonderful experience completing our training here at the International Mission Centre here in Selly Oak, Birmingham. This term we have had the privilege to engage more in study preparing us all for cross-cultural mission. We Mission Trainees have lived, prayed and eaten together, sharing our hopes and dreams with each other. Now the mission here is almost over, another adventure is beginning to come into focus across the horizon!

What I have enjoyed most, is the kindness of the people we live with here in IMC, each one with a different, beautiful story.

We want to say a big huge thank you to all our partner churches. You have been so welcoming to us as a family. Your feedback from our presentations, prayers and preaching has been very helpful in our formation as mission personnel. Equally our extended times of food and fellowship have been enriching; your care to our three children has marked them for good in so many ways.

We are reminded of the way the Bible is written, 66 books all rolled up into one, with an overriding theme that threads its way through the whole book! Our children love to sing 'the books of the Bible' song, a handy way to remember the most dominant story in our lives...the story of our God of love, who created the universe beautiful and perfect, with human beings as the crown of creation, our severing of that unique relationship and God's epic mission to reconcile us and the whole of creation back to God's original blueprint; beautiful and perfect!

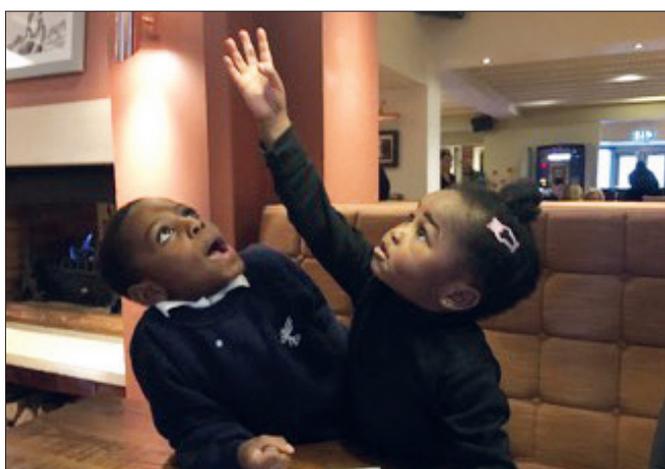
Jonathan

Jonathan has settled in at a local school here in Bournville. Now has a Brummie accent, and is loving life at IMC. He attends a local youth club and Sunday school class each week, and has a passion for trains and computers. Please remember him as he prepares to say goodbyes when we leave for Peru in July.

Ruth

Ruth has come on leaps and bounds since we arrived here in September. She regularly attends an all-day

pre-school class, where she has great opportunity to thrive in all types of learning. Whilst dressing up in all things sparkly and pink, she loves to have time out to have her favourite drink, which is hot chocolate with marshmallows. Please also pray that she will settle well again in Peru. She also has a Brummie accent!



Jonathan & Ruth waiting for hot chocolate

Phoebe

We have seen a significant change in Phoebe since her time here in Birmingham. It is here where she began to walk, talk. When the weather is good she thoroughly enjoys herself in the garden here at IMC. Please do remember her as she also says goodbyes to friends at the local childminder, and the abundance of aunties and uncles here at the centre.



Phoebe with her eyes to the sky

Please remember us in prayer

1. As we engage in language study here at IMC, prior to departure
2. Saying farewell to family, friends, church partners and staff at IMC
3. Preparation, physically emotionally and spiritually
4. Develop good relationships with people and our language training will go well in Arequipa.

The story of Abraham, who left his family home of Ur, constantly encourages us as a family to keep moving forward. We count it a privilege to have people supporting us in so many ways on this journey, we sincerely believe the best is yet to come.

With every blessing,

Dave and Michele

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