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or water. She doesn't have a lot of spare time either! And her house was stuck by lightning last week. It was her child that died in the storm. Her grief is raw, but through her tears she speaks words of hope. She will rise up from this, it's not her first experience of grief, so she knows her own strength. And yet you would not know. She continues to be joyful, to be thankful, and to pray for her sponsors, of course. To say I'm inspired by these people doesn't seem enough. They are.....incredible. Their faith is limitless. Their love for each other is endless. I am humbled.

## Quote of the week

Let every man and woman count himself immortal. Let him catch the revelation of Jesus in his resurrection. Let him say not merely, 'Christ is risen,' but 'I shall rise.'

Phillips Brooks

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# Communiqué

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## Easter Sunday

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# Welcome to Maroubra Baptist

A Church for the Community

## Welcome

If you are looking for a church, a regular attender or visiting, we would like to extend a huge, warm welcome. We are a church for the community, and we enjoy a range of social activities during the week, starting with tea/coffee on the lawn after church. We would love you to remain after the service to enjoy refreshments with us.



## 100 Days of Prayer

Today we have reached day 71 of our 100 days of prayer commitment. Reminder that on day 100, we will all come together to pray collectively here at the church. The date for this is **Monday 15 May**. Please save the date.

## Echo Update

From David Chowdhury.

I am leaving to go to Bangladesh on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April to see how the ECHO children and project are going. I will return on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May.

My plan for the children is to establish a small home for them in which to live, gather together and study as they are currently studying on the floor. I will be looking in the Karimpur area to purchase some land for the children's home.

I thank you for your continuous ongoing support and I ask that you pray for me and the journey, and for these children so that they might have a better future.

Happy Easter to you and all the congregation of Maroubra Baptist Church.



## Update on Aly - 6 weeks into her Uganda Mission

I have been here for 6 weeks and now have three regular visitors for breakfast before school each day. They come from a local slum and won't usually get breakfast, and so now they come to my house each morning. They were shy to begin with but they are growing bolder. This morning we danced to 'uptown funk' while they finished off their bread and milk. They are astounded by my oven, and love using the toilet. There are some differences between them and western children but still, when it comes to leaving for school I have to turn off the music and count to 5 before they put on their shoes and say goodbye. Ugandans love rice. And starch, and fried foods and beans. I no longer enjoy any of these food groups. I long for vegetables and fish and cheese. And being able to drink water from a tap. Oh and thinking of water..... it is NOT easy to balance things on your head, I don't know how they do it. But they do!

Lake Victoria is the size of the Netherlands. And it's very beautiful. I've chosen to enjoy it whilst staying dry however, due to the many diseases it contains. And of course there are crocodiles, and hungry hippos.

The Ugandan women continue to astound me with their beauty and strength. In this situation they all rally round to care for the family, literally carrying the mother through her grief at times. It's both tragic and beautiful to see.

I've also learnt how much the people here value their sponsors. I always thought that my financial provision was enough, but the women and children here LONG for letters from their sponsors. They love reading them and they hope and pray that they will be able to meet them one day. But what struck me most is how they pray for us. Every. Single. Day. I visited a woman's home recently and I noticed on the wall, a photograph of a white couple on their wedding day. It was the only decoration in her simple bedroom, it was her sponsor family. She has them up there to remind her how blessed she is, and she prays for them every day. She doesn't hear from them often but she is forgiving. They are important and busy people after all and she is thankful for what they give her. This woman is raising 8 children, aged 3-19, with no power



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