

# Blessed 2021 from Rosie at Rumginae

How has this year begun for you?

I've had a good beginning. I really enjoyed spending time thinking back over 2020.

I was challenged in my last reading for the year by the question of Jesus to Peter— *Do you love me? Do you really love me?* Maybe when Jesus looked at Peter's life it was hard to see evidence in the last week of much love for Jesus – here he was fishing again, after 3 times swearing he did not know Jesus. Yet Jesus' love for Peter is evident as He tenderly questions him and reinstates him to feed His sheep.

I wondered how much love Jesus saw in my life over 2020.

I asked Jesus to help me love Him more and more this year. How can I help myself to do that?

I want to gaze on His beauty – and reflect that beauty to those around so that they see and feel the deep, constant, unconditional love of Jesus for every one of His children.



As I reflected on 2020, I was surprised there was SO much to be thankful for. I shouldn't be surprised as we have a faithful, good God who promises to be with us and help us and work all things for our good.

One of the things I was very thankful for was completing the first leadership training with AMTC leaders. This felt quite an achievement in a covid year. In December we enjoyed revising, and praying we will put into practice the things we have learned for our leadership. Dr Kirine presented the certificates and encouraged us on our leadership journeys. (Prs Kirine, Grwe, Pepson front row, Mase, Steven, Asire and Mary back row)



This year we hope to run the training again for a larger group of leaders from the North Fly.



We had a lovely church service on first Sunday of year 2021 in our new church location under the movable tents by the CHW canteen.

Amos, CHW Principal preached on his verse for the year, Matthew 6:33

He encouraged us all to

- 1) Spend time with God
- 2) Follow God's agenda, not ours
- 3) Listen to God, obey and follow
- 4) Invest time, money, skills for God
- 5) Christ is everything.

If we all do these then there will be wonderful changes here at Rumginae this year.

Please pray we can practice these and have Christ in His rightful place in our personal lives, community life and church life.

Please pray for Amos to keep growing and keep developing as one of the key leaders here. We so need godly leaders for our CHW/ Nursing school, our hospital, and our community, and our ECPNG church. If you can, make that one of your prayers for us this year – that'd be great. Leaders are so key to the health of the people.



Students singing an item

Yes 2020 was a challenging year – for many of you much more challenging than it's been for me. Yet some have said '*yet it was a blessed year – because I came closer to God*'.

I do not know what you have been through, many have lost loved ones, suffered and struggled in one way or another. It's been tough. Yet I hope that you too can trace God's loving hand in what has happened in your life.

I hope that we can all rest content in God's promises to be with us in the year ahead which may look daunting and restricted.

Yet God is *with* us and God is FOR US.

We do not know what lies ahead – but we do know that God has planned the future.

We do know that God works *all* things for our good. We do know that NOTHING, absolutely nothing, can separate us from God's love for us in Christ Jesus.

So whatever lies ahead for you and I, let us follow closely beside our loving heavenly Father trusting Him for all that is to come.

I'd appreciate prayer for **women's leaders training** in Kawito from 8<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> January (MAF willing!). We will teach 'Put things right', and then they will teach their women's groups over the year. Pray I'll be ready for any other opportunities that come. I'll spend the weekend with Bruce and his children who used to teach here and you may remember from my talk in the UK. Sadly his wife Kabelo had mental health issues and is not with the family now.

I pray for all of us that this year 2021, whatever it holds, will be a *blessed* year because *we come closer to God*.

In the precious name of Jesus, the name that is above all other names.

*Rosie xx*

Father although I cannot see  
the future You have planned  
and though the path is sometimes dark  
and hard to understand  
yet give me faith, through joy and pain  
to trace your loving hand.

When I recall that in the past  
Your promises have stood  
through each perplexing circumstance  
and every changing mood  
I rest content that all things work  
together for my good.

Whatever then the future brings  
of good or seeming ill  
I ask for strength to follow you  
and grace to trust You still  
and I would look for no reward  
except to do Your will.

John Eddison