The Journey

A periodic update from Phil & Merilee Henderson with Mission Aviation Fellowship Canada. Working with the kids of ministry workers at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya.

Mission Aviation Fellowship

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Senior Launch

Preparing the senior class to transition from RVA

Phil and I had the priviledge of being invited to attend the Sr. Launch weekend this past month - a weekend desgined to prepare Seniors (the Grade 12 class) for their upcoming transition away from RVA. We stayed at a lovely conference center about an hour from RVA called Brackenhurst.

As an RVA alumni, Phil was asked to share his Spiritual journey and what that transition was like for him...leaving RVA, Zambia, and moving to Canada. His story connected with a lot of the kids as he shared his experiences and some of the spiritual lessons he learned along the way. We both led small groups where students could continue processing what they heard in each session, ask questions and pray together.

Pray for these kids as they spend the next several months enjoying all 'the lasts' of their time at RVA and processing leaving the familiar to enter into the unfamiliar.

Kaitlyn

Kaitlyn is enjoying her classes and is feeling more comfortable navigating the bus system which takes her to church, work and school. We praise God for his provision of all of her needs, especially her strong connection to the Young Adults group at her church. We are missing her and are hoping she can come visit again in July.

Mentoring

At lunchtime, you will see students and staff paired off all around campus. These are mentoring relationships where staff and students meet regularly to chat about life, school, friends, their relationship with God and pray together. It's a safe place to share with a trusted adult, some of the joys and challenges of life at RVA.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for Kaitlyn to finish the school year well/ Pray for a summer job.
- Pray for wisdom and courage for each Mentor; to challenge and encourage students each week.
- Pray for the class of 2027.
- Pray for the many positions that need to be filled next year at RVA.

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