

Dear all,

We wanted to send a quick email to ask people to pray over the next few days for the work permits.

It really isn't going well at all at the moment. The problem is that the Teacher's College didn't follow procedure in contacting the ministry about us before we came to Uganda .

Although different people in the education ministry have said different things and everyone agrees our skills are desperately needed here, the education commissioner is currently saying a permit will not be issued and the only alternative is for us to return to the UK and have a new submission from the teachers college while we are out of the country (!). She is not happy and digging in her heels, although she recognises it is not our doing. In theory Craig was supposed to begin teaching this Monday.

The college principal is coming up to Kampala on Monday to try and resolve things with the ministry. Our landlord is also an education commissioner and he is speaking to the ministry as well on our behalf.

A real difficulty is that our tourist visas expire in 6 days.

So lots to pray for - we certainly believe God didn't bring us this far for things to end at this point, but African bureaucracy is notoriously unpredictable.

Thanks for your support,

Love,

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