



Bucket Fillosophy® 101

Words of Wisdom to Keep Your Bucket Filled

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Our Kigali Journey

As you know, our bucket has a lid that's used to protect it from bucketdipping situations or people. However, there are times when a lid does not work - when experiencing a divorce, the death of a loved one, a diagnosed illness, or some other devastating situation. I have learned from past experiences, we need to just HANG ON to our bucket and ALLOW others to fill it. Before too long, your bucket will be full again and you will be ready and equipped to help others.

Last fall, our family had one of those experiences, but through the grace of God and the love and bucketfilling hospitality of others (including complete strangers who we now consider dear friends) we have come out stronger and so very grateful.

For six years, our daughter, Kelsey, taught kindergarten at the Kigali International Community School in Rwanda, Africa. In September 2017, my husband, John, and I received the phone call every parent fears: a drunk driver hit our daughter. She was injured and in the hospital - and we were 8,000 miles away! Prayers of support immediately began from around the globe. Kelsey's school director, Ben, became our eyes and ears, consulting with the doctors and relaying the information to us



through regular phone calls. Kelsey's physician, Dr. Katie, decided that Kelsey should be medevaced for treatment. She contacted a renown surgeon in London and booked appointments for the coming week. Ben and Dr. Katie were Kelsey's escorts on the flight from Kigali to London. Dr. Katie's parents, Linda and Bill, graciously opened their home to host them. By the time we arrived in London, Linda and Bill's friends, who were leaving on vacation, offered their home for all of us to use for the first week. During the following weeks, several others also graciously housed us. In between, Linda and Bill's house continued to be a home-base for short stays. They were both a huge source of support and friendship.

Experiencing sudden difficulties in life is never easy, and certainly creates havoc with your normal schedule. However, we gain so much once we realize we are not alone. Our blessings include new friendships we will treasure always and the awareness of many people around the world who wholeheartedly supported us with their warm thoughts and prayers.

Throughout our trial, our prayers were answered. Thankfully, everyone is back where they belong and Kelsey has made a full recovery. It's now, with grateful hearts and full buckets, we are ready to pass on that same love and support we received to those who need it.

May your bucket be full,

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