

MacGregor Family & Work Update – June 2026



Over the last couple of months we have had a fair amount of frustration with our new car. It's not a brand-new car (it is in fact a 2006 Toyota RAV 4) but it was new to us last year and it has been running brilliantly. We love this car that was gifted to us and has been a huge blessing. Emissions testing was recently introduced in Rwanda, which we are also a fan of however the frustration is despite multiple trips to the mechanics we cannot seem to get our new car to pass the emissions test. As with all frustrating situations like this it's easy to slip into self-pity but I have been reminded recently to look outward and not inward. I live in a country where most people do not have a car at all, and we got this one as a gift. Learning to mentally let go (whilst not giving up trying to fix the problem) and be thankful in every situation, both good and bad, is something I strive for but still have a lot to learn. I am sure it is a way to inner peace and I shall let you know if I ever get there.

Azizi Life & Beeutiful Creations

In April we celebrated the grand opening of The Handcrafted Hotel. Azizi Life's 19 room Hotel is now fully operational and welcoming guests. If you find yourself in Rwanda anytime then please do stop by. Along with the hotel we also launched a new website dedicated to people visiting Rwanda – visit-rwanda.azizilife.com



Not only can you book a hotel room, but you can see information about our gift shops, café and tourism experiences in Rwanda. Each of these social enterprises are designed to connect people to and financially support the work we are doing in the rural communities of Rwanda.

Last month, 30 Azizi Life staff members took part in “The River,” a three-day retreat designed to help participants step away from the pressures of daily work and life, to reflect on God, Jesus & the Holy Spirit and find personal renewal. Through teaching, discussion, worship, and quiet reflection, staff were encouraged to grow spiritually, strengthen relationships and return refreshed. Everyone who attended was positively impacted by the whole experience and we are hoping to bring this retreat to others in Rwanda and beyond.



Toddle Care

After just over two years of moving around and trying out new locations for the Toddle Care shop, we ended up back at the place we started – Indabo Café. I am a big believer in trying something new in the hope of growth but you also must admit when that did not really work. We had high hopes for the other locations but sadly they did not materialize, which did hurt, but we learnt lots of good lessons along the way, grew as a business and are really loving being back at Indabo. It feels like coming home after a long and trying journey.

We are praising God for some wonderful recent orders that have kept the team very busy, but sadly our laser machine broke last month and finding a replacement laser tube that will fit has been elusive. We are hoping that we can get one delivered from China this summer.



Azizi Life Impact Projects

Last month we got the planning permission for a plot of land in a nearby village and so are on target to start our social housing building program in October. So far we have raised over three quarters of the money we need to build the first house and continue our fundraising efforts for the rest. If you would like to donate to that project you can do that here - [Homes of Hope](#)

In February of this year our friend Tim Gill visited Rwanda to help us develop and improve our early education program. Tim has a wealth of experience in education and so it was wonderful to get his insights and ideas on how we can continue to grow our work with the Nursery schools in the villages around Ruhango.



During this month we have a number of teams visiting from [Amor Europe](#). The first team will help train and equip church children's workers. We have been doing this training every summer for three years now and on completion of this module we will have fully qualified trainers in Rwanda who can take the program forward to even more churches. The next [Amor Europe](#) team will be in Rwanda to help distribute water filters and sanitary pads. Our goals align so well with [Amor Europe](#), we love working with them to see real holistic change happen in the communities we are partnering with.

Below is an impact report that I wrote for our fundraising efforts in the US. It gives a wonderful insight to all that Azizi Life has achieved in the last 18 years and so I thought you all might enjoy seeing it.



Created for Beautiful Life

\$3,000,000+

Total Revenue
Generated

773

Artisan Partners
2025

4,638

People
Supported

Azizi Life partners with Rwandan artisans and beekeepers to build sustainable livelihoods for their families.

We promote community impact through literacy and practical resources for personal, spiritual, and economic growth.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$1,500,000

Paid directly to artisan partners

Equivalent to approximately 740,000 days of work

\$3,000,000+

Total revenue since 2008

740,000

Days of dignified work

90%

Artisan partners are women

4,638

Family members supported

ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM • SINCE 2017

13,281 Students Total

8,033 Qualified Graduates

923 Current Students

FAITH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- **35 Leaders Trained** in children's ministry, across 10 churches
- **7,338 Bibles** distributed to adult literacy graduates so far
- **Play to Learn Kits** distributed to 9 schools

COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLBEING

817 Fuel-Efficient Stoves Distributed

Reducing respiratory risk for women and local deforestation; improving economy of finance, time and energy.

428 Water Filters Distributed

Clean, safe drinking water available for rural families through Azizi Life and partner programs.

255 Menstrual Health Kits

Supporting girls' school attendance and dignity through the Amor Europe partnership.

NEW PROJECTS

Homes of Hope

Vulnerable families deserve the security, comfort, and dignity of a home of their own. In 2026, we are building our first home, aiming to construct 12 homes over the next five years. Each home costs approximately \$15,000, covering materials, land, and construction.

OUR TEAM IN RWANDA

44

Full-time
Azizi Life
Staff

54

Total Azizi
Life Team

15

Literacy
Teachers

38

Prison Ed.
Teachers

Partner with Azizi Life

Every purchase or donation helps fund artisan wages, education, and our community health & wellbeing programs for Rwandan families.

PARTNER WITH US

Family Life

We are heading to the UK! Keza, Tona and I will arrive in the UK on the 8th of July and then Ritah will join us towards the end of the month. Thankfully most of my work is now online and so I can continue things whilst also spending time with our UK friends and family – which is a real privilege.

Keza graduated from primary school this year and will be heading to middle school from September. Keza and Tona both seem to love school and are excited to be going up a year. They have also been taking discipleship classes through the local church which they also love. I must admit I do not remember loving studying as much as these two seem to.



We are excited to see people whilst we are back and so please do get in touch so we can get things in the calendar and if you know a Church or group that would like to learn more about our life and work in Rwanda, please let me know. I am always happy to talk about that.