

# off the fence.

## Long Miles Coffee Project

6 x 60'

EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

### 1. Episode 1

Their house has been sold, everything is packed up and Ben Carlson is ready to start his 7-day, 6000km road trip from Durban, South Africa to Bujumbura, Burundi. Harvest has already started and the coffee is piling up – a major stress factor for Ben because he's about four weeks behind schedule.

### 2. Episode 2

Life never happens the way you want it to happen in Burundi, especially when things get lost in translation. Ben is far behind his original schedule with the house and his coffee lab still under construction. To make do, Ben has to use local labs for cupping, but things are never that easy in Burundi.

### 3. Episode 3

It's been three weeks since the Carlsons moved to Bujumbura, and with construction on the house still in full swing it's chaos as usual in the Carlson household. With the chaos of life in Burundi starting to get under their skin it's clear the family is taking strain, but Ben and Kristy realise they have no choice but to make it work.

### 4. Episode 4

Time is not on Ben's side – he only has until the end of the week to fill two containers of micro-lots, but somehow the coffee has gotten mixed up. And because he's so frantically busy, he doesn't get to spend time with his family. When Ben attempts to fix the chicken coup, he cuts his foot and ends up with a possible staph infection.

### 5. Episode 5

Ben's enthusiasm is slightly dampened because of his time in hospital, but when he gets out he goes straight back to work in his cupping lab. Ben soon gets his groove back after the family visits a dry mill in Ngozi, Kristy finds nanny after a long search and there finally seems to be a glimmer of hope for the Carlsons.

## **6. Episode 6**

After a relaxing mini-break in Rwanda, it's back to reality for Ben who has only eight days to get ten micro-lot containers of coffee out of Burundi. Even though Ben is still facing massive communication gaps and mismanagement, he starts to see results from all his work. Kristy has found her feet and the family have a more positive outlook on life in Burundi.