



What's Brewing?

WITH THE BRUBAKERS

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Prayer Focus

Thank you for praying...

Praise God for good health & safety in various travels.

Praise God for thirty-nine families & four churches currently committed to our monthly support.

Join us in praying...

Pray that God will give us wisdom as we begin the process of selling/renting our house & transitioning out of youth ministry.

Pray for Jessica & the health of our new child, due in May.

Pray for new contacts with churches who might be interested in partnership with our ministry in Rwanda.

Continue to pray...

Pray for wisdom in balancing youth ministry and deputation responsibilities.

Pray that God would knit our hearts together with the people we will serve in Rwanda.

As we've traveled, one question has surfaced repeatedly: "Why Rwanda?" Or, better, "Why on earth are you taking your baby to a place like Rwanda?" To allay any concerns you may have, the following is a top ten list answering the "why" question. Perhaps you'll be convinced & join us?

Top 10 Reasons to Go to Rwanda

- 10.** Rwanda is located just 2° south of the equator but is 5,000 feet above sea level, making the temperature a balmy 75° year round.
- 9.** Though French and English are official languages, the majority of Rwandans speak Kinyarwanda, which means our family will be tri-lingual.
- 8.** Rwanda is becoming an increasingly safe place to live. Hutus and Tutsis share power. Ethnic reconciliation is occurring at a slow but promising rate.
- 7.** Most Rwandans do not own televisions so there is plenty of time to practice and enjoy hospitality.
- 6.** Having electricity and running water 100% of the time is highly overrated.
- 5.** Sixth grade is the highest level of education for most Rwandans, including pastors. And, there is very little Christian education available. Thus, there are numerous opportunities to minister the gospel in education and discipleship.
- 4.** Very little Christian literature has been translated into Kinyarwanda.



- 3.** Currently, there are only three full time CBI workers in the Rwanda .
- 2.** Between 15-20% of the Rwandan population is infected with HIV. Hurting people are everywhere.
- 1.** God's call is deeply satisfying. We trust that Rwanda is where our lives will bring the greatest glory to Him.

Rwanda Resources:

Interested in learning more about Rwanda? Look up some of these resources:

ON THE WEB:

<http://users.skynet.be/bk289305/> (photos)
<http://www.rwanda1.com/> (government page)
<http://www.rwanda-online.org/> (tons of info)

BOOKS:

Rwanda: The Land God Forgot?
 by Meg Guillebaud
 (missions history & current political/spiritual insight)

Rwanda: The Land of a Thousand Hills
 by Rosamond Halsey Carr
 (heartwarming memoir of the land and people)



In October, we celebrated Thomas's first birthday. The pile of cake began as a train on a railroad bed of pretzels.

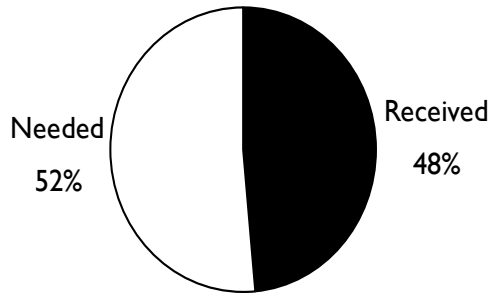
Family Update:

- Thomas Gregory is growing up too quickly. He loves books, his dog Beau, & his mom's tupperware drawer. He served the entire family this Christmas season by opening everyone's gifts.
- Jessica is busy reading about Rwanda, mothering Thomas, and caring for the child within. She has been helping students from our church improve their writing and prepare college essays.
- Tim finished his first art-course in drawing. Jogging around the neighborhood has become a good stress-relief. And, he and Thomas enjoy going to the library to check out mass quantities of Dr. Seuss books & African music recordings.

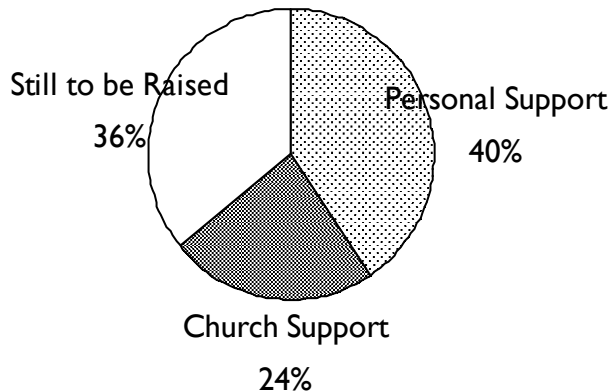
Support Update:

We are so thankful for all who have committed to pray and/or give toward our monthly support. If you are interested in joining with us in serving the church in Rwanda, you can use the enclosed response card to indicate your intentions. If you'd like to receive our email prayer updates, please send us a message at our address below.

One-Time Outgoing Expenses



Estimated Monthly Support Commitments



On The Road!

We're grateful for opportunities this winter to share with churches new to our radar screen. If you have any suggestions of churches to contact, please let us know. Here's our agenda for the winter months:

January:

1/14 - **CBInternational Renewal Conference & Appointee Training Session II, Denver, CO**
 1/22 (Contact: 847-567-1050)

1/25 **Evangelical Taiwan Church, Skokie, IL**
 9800 Crawford Ave (847-677-2942)
(preaching during morning service - 11:45AM)

February:

2/1 **Evangelical Taiwan Church, Skokie, IL**
 9800 Crawford Ave (847-677-2942)
(preaching during morning service - 11:45AM)

2/8 **First Baptist Church, Villa Park, IL**
 518 N. Harvard (630-279-1565)
(sharing 5-10 minutes during morning service)

2/22 **First Baptist Church, Iron River, MI**
 400 Selden Road (906-265-4334)
(preaching during morning service)

March:

We're still in the process of scheduling meetings for March. We'll let you know if we're in your area.

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