



What's Brewing?

WITH THE BRUBAKERS

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Prayer Focus

Notes of Praise...

In the last few months, we have had some very special visitors, including Tim's mother, Jessica's grandmother and cousins, and friends from our home church.

We've passed the one year mark, having arrived in Rwanda in December 2004. We are grateful for God's grace in learning, making mistakes, managing new situations and gaining a strong foundation in Kinyarwanda.

Join us in praying...

Please continue to pray for freshness in language study. As our lives gain routine, Kinyarwanda stills needs to be at the center of our ministry.

Please pray for Tim as he works into the teaching rotation in the Pastoral Training School. He will be teaching his first lesson in late February. Much time is needed to prepare the lesson in Kinyarwanda.

Please pray for Jessica as her ministry of translation begins to develop. Please pray for the provision of Rwandese helpers with a gift for translation.

Painting Life with Numbers

What is life like for us here in Rwanda? Let us illustrate our lives by painting it with numbers which represent some of the oddities we encounter.

In One Week

- 63** Cups of tea consumed in our house.
- 3** Hot showers.
- 45** Women in Jessica's sewing group.
- 40** Emails received.
- 3** Times Martin is reprimanded for eating dog food.
- 3** Hours in a short church service.

In One Day

- 4** Cockroaches killed in the house.
- 12** Flies squashed by Jessica against the window screens with a shoe.
- 14** Hours without water.
- 4** Hours without electricity.
- 4** Unexpected visitors.
- 12** Hours of daylight (6:00-6:00).
- 8** Hours spent learning Kinyarwanda (both of us combined).

In General

- 5** Service stations visited to get one flat tire fixed.
- 3** Known bullet-holes in our house.
- 18** Overnight guests since we've arrived in Rwanda.
- 3** Big pineapples purchased for one dollar.
- 5** Pounds of tomatoes purchased for one dollar.
- 1** Functioning traffic signal in Kigali.
- 3** Scrapes or bruises on Martin's body at any given time.
- 3** Snakes killed in our yard in the last year.
- 6** Mosquito nets hanging in our house.
- 4 1/2** Dollars for one gallon of gasoline.
- 26** People stuffed into our van (not counting babies on moms' backs)



Jessica's sewing group at church has been a great outreach ministry at the church, drawing many neighbors.

M.N.C. News

As a part of M.N.C.'s Pastoral Training School, the teaching staff intends to visit each pastoral student twice during their four year term of study. The first visit is to meet with the church's leadership to explain M.N.C.'s ministry and encourage them to support their pastor in his studies. The second visit is to participate in a Sunday morning service. During these visits we are able to learn about the pastor's family (especially when we stay overnight at their house) and the church's ministry.

For example...



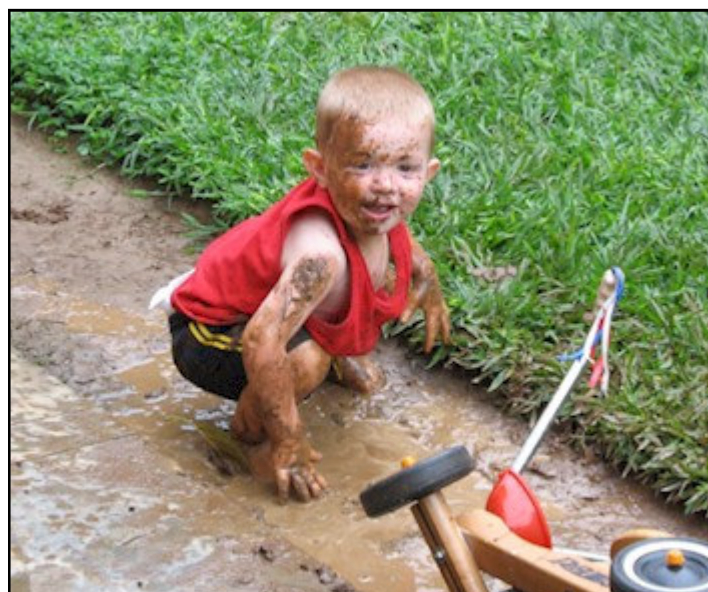
Alfred is a pastor in a small rural village called Nyinya, located in southeast Rwanda near Tanzania. The village is nestled in groves of banana trees, distant from any major town. Alfred and his wife have five children (four girls and one boy). Both he and his wife have limited education. Alfred began studying at M.N.C. last year. He travels four hours on foot and more than two hours in a public taxi to come to M.N.C.'s Pastoral Training School.

During the genocide in Rwanda, Alfred, his wife, and their only child (at the time) fled to Tanzania, where they stayed for a few years. Now they live in a small mud house covered by a tin roof.

A few meters up the road is the church at which Alfred is the pastor. Despite its poverty, the church is alive with ministry—evangelism, singing, men's and women's groups, small groups, ministry to AIDS victims, and ministry to the poorest among them.

During a recent visit to Nyinya, two things were clear: 1) A need for leadership training (Pastor Alfred's training at M.N.C. is transforming his church); 2) A need for accessible Christian literature in Kinyarwanda (church leaders were asking if materials were available). What a joy that these are the ministries to which God has called us here in Rwanda!

Family Update



- **Martin** continues to test the limits! We frequently find that he's slipped out of the house to play in the mud, eat dirt, or sneak a few mouth-fulls of the dog's dinner. He loves to sit and read or wrestle.
- **Thomas** is a great helper. We are now able to ask him to do specific chores. And, he really enjoys helping his mom feed babies at a local orphanage. He can't wait to grow up and have his very own baby!
- **Jessica** learns new things everyday as she negotiates her various roles. She is able to accomplish most tasks in Kinyarwanda as long as everyone has sufficient time and patience.
- **Tim** enjoys walking in the neighborhood practicing Kinyarwanda. He's been using cultural issues to develop questions to ask our neighbors. And, in the evenings, he's been re-reading *The Chronicles of Narnia*.

For pictures of our family and home, check our website: www.skokievalley.org/brubaker.

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