



# What's Brewing?

WITH THE BRUBAKERS

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## Prayer Focus

### Notes of Praise...

We are thankful for Cecilia's safe birth in November 2006.

We are thankful for the memorable visit of Tom and Gail Brubaker in January 2007.

Our missionary team has undergone many changes over the last few months with new people coming and others leaving for the States. We are thankful for continued cohesion despite the changes.

### Continue praying...

Pray for wisdom, creativity, and time efficiency in preparing and teaching lessons in Kinyarwanda.

Pray for Thomas as he continues to learn French. His teachers say that he is now communicating with them only in French.

Pray for continual growth in language abilities and understanding of new grammatical concepts.

### Join us in praying...

Please pray with us as we plan our boys' education during our furlough in the USA beginning in mid-2008. We would like to have them continue studying in French.

Pray for Tim as he balances new responsibilities of leading MNC's ministries, teaching, and overseeing WorldVenture's missionary team.

Our family will be taking a vacation in Tanzania, March 31 to April 8. Pray for safety and rest.

## Jack (and Jill) of All Trades

Missionary life brings with it the necessity to learn to do many new things. Here, where there is no Home Depot, Walmart, Jewel or Starbucks, we are often left with no other option than to create our own solutions to things we need. Certainly our first two years have expanded our repertoire of abilities!

### Things Jessica has learned to make from scratch with limited resources:

- Diced green chilies (using green beans & hot peppers)
- Cranberry sauce (without cranberries!!)
- Pasteurized milk
- Barbeque sauce
- Stewed, peeled tomatoes
- Deep dish pizza (Chicago Style)
- Ricotta cheese (using strained buttermilk)
- Chicken stock
- Re-fried beans
- Pita bread
- Tortillas
- Butter
- Ketchup
- Yogurt
- Ice cream

### Things Tim has learned to do with limited resources:

- Roast coffee
- Make table lamps
- Install solar panels
- Set up a back-up power supply with batteries and inverter
- Concoct drainage for washing machine
- Install shower with PVC pipe & wood scraps
- Set up a satellite radio
- Build storage shelving
- Repair damaged phone lines
- Design financial databases using Access
- Develop and maintain a website
- Install kitchen cabinets
- Dismantle and rebuild toilets
- Install hot water heater

## Cecilia Lehne Iradukunda Brubaker



Cecilia Lehne Iradukunda Brubaker arrived at 10:49 pm, Friday, November 10, 2006. She came quickly, and our friend Dr. Venacio Ang (a missionary from the Philippines), was here at our house to catch her! She weighed 9 pounds and had a bit of blonde hair. Having a home-birth was a blessing for our family and a long awaited wish-come-true for Jessica. Two weeks after her birth we hosted a naming ceremony at our home which was attended by 70 Rwandan friends. We chose the name *Iradukunda* (Ee-ra-doo-koo-nda), which means *God Loves Us*. Cecilia has already added so much to our family.

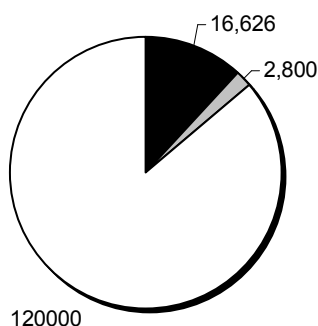
## Building MNC

*If we don't use it, we will lose it!* MNC's facilities are sitting on a large parcel of land in the most desirable neighborhood in Rwanda. The land we have is a blessing and is a key factor in future expansion of ministry. But, in Rwanda there is no such thing as private property! That means that MNC's land can be taken away at any time if it isn't developed.

In a previous newsletter (see our website) we explained a building project for which we are raising money. MNC's current operating budget is about \$24,000 per year. Fifty percent of those costs can be supported by building two homes which MNC will rent to missionaries like us. The benefit is double—(1) MNC has constant income of at least \$12,000 per year; (2) MNC has the security of not having the land taken away by the government. Sounds like a good plan, right?

### "BUILDING MNC" PROGRESS

■ Initial Balance □ Raised since 1/1/07 □ Total Needed



Please pray with us as we seek \$120,000 to build two houses. If you are interested in more information, you can contact us (see *contact information*). Donations to MNC's Building Project can be sent to WorldVenture (see address under Contact Information), with a note asking that the gift be deposited in account 6402-905 "MNC Training Center."

With the help of a supporting church (*Church of Wrigleyville*) we have also prepared a video to further explain to potential donors MNC's ministry and the building project. If you are interested in making a donation and would like a copy, please let us know.

## Rwandan Wisdom

**Where two elephants fight, it is the grass which suffers.** (*Aho inzovu ebyiri zirwaniye ibyatsi ni byo bihababarira.*) Isn't that the truth? In political struggles the population suffers. In domestic problems the children suffer. May we have the wisdom to see how our conflicts and choices affect those around us!

## Family Update



- **Thomas**, at four years old, is speaking French! He is a good in-the-lines colorer, a daily peanut butter and jelly guy, and an aspiring car collector (he tells us that he wants to collect race cars when he is older). His favorite movie is *Cars*.
- **Martin**, at almost three years old, is infatuated with large machinery such as cranes and combines. He has a great imagination and loves to concoct strange stories about monsters and monkeys. His latest word is *coff-eine*, a contracted form of *caffeinated coffee*.
- **Cecilia**, at three months, is a happy baby who loves (and fears) her two, adoring brothers. She is currently working toward her first roll-over. She especially enjoys loud music while sitting on her father's lap.
- **Jessica** has entered a new decade of life (thirties) and is trying to maintain a close relationship with her exercise bike. She recently finished a book called *The Concubine*, by Nigerian author Elechi Amadi.
- **Tim** is learning how to juggle various new responsibilities as MNC director, field chairman, full-time teacher, etc... At the same time, he continues to wade through the deep waters of *Les Miserables*.

For pictures of our family and home, check our website: [www.ncmrwanda.org/brubaker](http://www.ncmrwanda.org/brubaker).

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### Mailing Instructions:

Regular mail from the USA arrives in 1-2 weeks. Packages take between 3-6 weeks. Remember to use the correct denomination of stamps for international mailing. Write on the outside of the package a brief (but not tempting) list of contents, along with "Not for resale. No commercial value". If you must declare a value, it is best to keep the declared value below thirty dollars to avoid customs charges in Rwanda.

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