



Tim & Jessica Brubaker

Prayer Update - April 2007

*Serving with Mission pour la Nouvelle Creature
to train pastors and church leaders in Rwanda.*

DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS

Last week the Rwandese people began an official season of grieving the tragic genocide of 1994. Bodies are being exhumed and reburied in appropriate memorial sites. Political leaders are giving speeches before large crowds of mourners. Indeed the sorrows of Rwanda are once more remembered within every community throughout Rwanda's thousand hills. The purpose? Healing. What a great privilege we have to be training pastors and church leaders to offer even deeper healing and true reconciliation. Thanks for empowering us through your prayers.

Please continue to check our website (www.ncmrwanda.org/brubaker) for updated photo galleries and newsletters.

NOTES OF PRAISE

PASTORAL TRAINING SCHOOL: MNC's Pastoral Training School session in mid-March finished well. We had great discussions about the nature of servant-leadership, interpreting the Bible, and various superstitions that exist within Rwandese churches. By teaching at a level in which uneducated pastors can participate we see clear evidence of being on the front-lines of changing Rwandese churches.

FIELD LEADERS' MEETINGS: World Venture's East Africa field leaders' meetings in northeast Rwanda went well. We had a good time of worship, fellowship, and discussions.

CECILIA'S SLEEP: Cecilia is sleeping in until about 5:15 in the morning, these days. Though still not ideal, it's better!

VACATION: Our vacation to the island of Zanzibar (off the coast of Tanzania) was safe, fun, and relaxing. (See the March highlight below.)



ITEMS FOR PRAYER

LESSON PREPARATION: Please continue to pray for Tim's preparation of teaching material on Acts, Romans, and Galatians. He will be teaching these books in mid-May in MNC's Pastoral Training School.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATORS' CONFERENCE: On Sunday, April 15, Tim will be travelling to the Middle East for two weeks of seminars. Our mission board (WorldVenture) is hosting a theological educators' conference. This will be an important time of networking, gleaning ideas, and growth. Please

MORE ITEMS FOR PRAYER

for safe travels for Tim. And, please pray for Jessica and the kids as they remain in Kigali (especially as Jessica recovers from the amoebas she brought home from vacation!).

SCHOOLING OPTIONS: Please continue to pray for the appropriate door to open for Thomas's and Martin's schooling in the States during our furlough in 2008-2009.

UNIVERSITY LEVEL BIBLE SCHOOL: The vision for starting a university level Bible school continues to develop. Our coworker Gary Scheer (on furlough in the USA) has been collecting information. And, Tim has been dialoguing with other schools in the area about possible cooperation. Please pray for sufficient wisdom and clear direction during these days of planning.

PASTORAL TRAINING SCHOOL: Pastors will be coming to MNC from Monday, April 16 through Friday, May 4 for another session in the Pastoral Training School. Please pray for a good time of growth and teaching for them. Pray also for the teachers: Katabirora Laurent will be teaching a third session on the Old Testament. Rudasumbwa Jean will be teaching a second session on the Christian Family. And, Bitiriki Marc will be teaching English.

SAND CASTLES, SEAFOOD & SWIMMING

Sand castles, seafood and swimming! We recently returned home from Zanzibar, an island off the coast of Tanzania in the Indian Ocean. It is a place filled with interesting cultures and history. Though the island has a rich Christian history (David Livingstone established the first Anglican church in East Africa on Zanzibar directly on top of a slave-market which had been used for centuries within the Arab world), the population is currently ninety percent Muslim, five percent Hindu, and five percent everything-else (including Christian). What did we do all week? Tim and the boys built sand castles everyday. We visited a spice farm and saw how cinnamon, vanilla and nutmeg grow. Cecilia entered the world of swimming. We read, we ate, we slept. And, certainly not insignificant, we *spoke English*.



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