

BRUBAKERS PRAYER UPDATE

April 2008

DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS –

During this first week of April, Rwanda remembers the horrors of 1994. For many the seasonal heavy rains are a haunting reminder of painful memories of the commencement of genocide. Thank you for praying for Rwanda and for trusting God to do amazing things in and through His church in this country.

NOTES OF PRAISE –

- (1) **Pastoral Training School & Pastors' Wives Program** – Our training sessions in the month of March went well. Thirty pastors' wives came to our week of training at the end of the month.
- (2) **Family Health** – In general, we are all healthy. Thanks for your prayers.
- (3) **Kenya Trip** – Thank you for praying for our trip to Kenya. We spent three days in East Africa Leaders' meetings, four days in East Africa missionary meetings, one week of family vacation, and three days visiting theological schools in Nairobi. It was a great trip, though filled with many different activities. (See highlight below.)

ITEMS FOR PRAYER –

- (1) **Pastoral Training School** – First year students will be returning for their second session from 4/14 to 5/2. They will be studying "The Attributes of God" and "Spiritual Warfare." Please pray for these pastors, as these two topics are commonly misunderstood in Rwandan churches. We are expecting as many as thirty-six students.
- (2) **Shepherd Leadership Conference** – MNC is part of a large cooperative of churches and Christian organizations preparing a leadership conference intended to reach the highest tiers of leadership in churches, government and businesses in Rwanda. The conference will be held April 21-25. Please pray for the speaker, Jim Copeland, as well as for the many logistics which need to come together.
- (3) **MNC's Degree Program** – Please continue to pray for the process of planning and preparing to begin an English speaking Bible college within MNC. We really want this school to be used by God to equip leaders who can play a significant role in the future of the Rwandan church. This month, Tim's goal is to make time to sit and put together a workable model for the school based on the insights that we've been collecting for the last year.
- (4) **Student Visit** – On Sunday, April 27, we will be visiting a fourth-year student (named Alfred) in southeast Rwanda. Please pray for safe travel (we will be going as a family), as well as for a good time of encouraging the church in their ministry.
- (5) **Katabirora** – There is no update on Katabirora's situation. Leaders are still asking for bribes. Though Katabirora seems to be standing firm, please pray for strength and for justice.

MARCH HIGHLIGHT –

Martin is a snake-handler! It is unbelievable how different three kids born from the same parents can be from each other. Those differences were noticeable during the family vacation that we had on the

coast of Kenya. On the beach Thomas was absorbed with carefully crafting deluxe sandcastles while Martin was more interested in smashing them with swords. When visiting a nearby snake farm, Martin was thrilled to hold huge snakes (one which was twice as long as he is tall, wrapped around his neck and arms) while Thomas and Tim were doing their best to stay as far away as possible. Cecilia, on the other hand, spent most of her time walking around the beach and hotel waving at other guests and making friends with whoever would give her attention. We are thankful for the excellent week of vacation that we had together. But, even more, we are thankful for these three wonders that God has entrusted to us. Thanks for praying for them.

Together in Him,

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