



BRUBAKERS PRAYER UPDATE

NEW CREATION MINISTRIES – KIGALI, RWANDA

APRIL 2009

DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS,

Today, April 7, marks fifteen years since the beginning of Rwanda's 1994 genocide in which almost a million people were brutally slaughtered. As the Rwandan people intentionally commiserate together over the next week, emotions, memories and trauma from the past will once again lurk among the population as almost everyone (from every background) grieves the loss of loved ones and the atrocities of war. Though very few of us can relate to the depth of suffering Rwandans have encountered, we are confident that the Risen Jesus can sympathize with each person. Thank you for your prayers for Rwanda and for our ministry of leadership training.

DEGREE LEVEL BIBLE SCHOOL

More and more we are convinced that a higher level program is critical for the formation of Rwandan church leaders. Though NCM could begin an upper level school on its own, we are continuing to dialogue with another organization about partnering together. Yet, though the potential benefits are enormous (pooled resources, elimination of unnecessary competition, testimony of partnership in a fragmented Rwandan church culture, etc...), there are a few distinct challenges that we are facing for which we solicit your prayers.

- There are at least five different organizations which are key stakeholders in this partnership – two missionary organizations, two Rwandan organizations, and an international association of evangelical churches. All of these organizations need to be convinced that this is the direction in which the Lord is leading us.
- During the week of April 20, key leaders from four of the five organizations will be meeting to discuss this potential partnership. Please pray that these conversations would be filled with wisdom and clear direction from the Lord.

As we wait for direction, we are also seeing answers to prayer.

- The woman in charge of preparing accreditation standards for higher education in Rwanda has interacted with our proposed methodology. She was very affirming and supportive of our creative ideas and even had more suggestions about how to further contextualize our program.
- The Lord has provided almost 13,000 books, funds to purchase thirty computers, shelving and other supplies for NCM's library – a key element in beginning an upper level school.



Sorting over 17,000 books in a twenty foot space during a snow storm requires a bit of ingenuity.

HOME ASSIGNMENT UPDATE

Last month's trips and presentations went well.

- Jessica's tea tasting and home schooling group presentations went very well.
- Tim's trip to Vermont was great. And, his visit with Missio Dei in Chicago went well, as he had a chance to publicly thank them for their participation in NCM's library project.

Though we don't have any distant travels to visit churches this month, we continue to remain busy with other ministry related obligations.

- About ten days ago, a twenty foot shipping container was delivered to our home church in Wilmette, IL. For the next few weeks, Tim will concentrate on sorting library books, collecting materials, buying and preparing computers, and purchasing other supplies in advance of its shipment in early May.
- Tim is officiating at a wedding this weekend. Please pray for the young couple (Daniel & Veneza) as they begin their new life together.
- We are both continuing to study French. Please pray that our minds would be quick to grasp the language, even while our calendars remain full of other things.
- Though there have been many people and a few churches who have indicated their plans to join our support team, we are still officially under-supported by \$489 per month.

FAMILY UPDATE

We are doing really well as a family. Thomas and Martin both won awards in Thomas's school's pine car derby last month. This week both boys will begin playing baseball in our community's park system. Though we miss Rwanda, we are thankful for a few tranquil months enjoying the niceties of first-world life. Thanks for your prayers. Please continue to pray that the Lord would refresh us spiritually and emotionally as we prepare to depart on July 5.



Thomas won first place in design and speed. Martin won fourth place in design.

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHT

Another big metal box... Five years ago we shipped a container full of supplies to move to Rwanda. This time, our twenty foot container is filled with thousands of hand-selected theological books, thirty computers, shelving, whiteboards, and some personal items. It has been thrilling to see the Lord provide for all of the contents of this shipment. One of the most unique provisions was through a young man who was formerly a part of our youth ministry in the Chicago area. After sharing a cup of coffee, this young man reached across the table and handed me (Tim) a check for a large sum of money – an amount sufficient to make up the shortfall we needed to purchase computers for our library. It was an unexpected gift and a unique reminder that even during economically difficult times God provides for His work.

Thanks for Praying,

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