

August 2004

Dear praying friends!

We have experienced another month of God's incredible provision and love. Thank you for your prayers! Your partnership through prayer is vital to us and to our future ministry in Rwanda. We hope you, too, are experiencing His blessing.

NOTES OF PRAISE:

- We've survived a busy month of traveling and communicating with churches and supporters. Even more, we've been refreshed by the thoughtfulness and care of many friends during these travels.
- We are very, very, very thankful for the great housing situation God has provided with Robin and her son Daniel.
- Employment with the construction company has been a huge source of blessing. Almost every day on the worksite provided opportunities to talk with fellow workers about Jesus.
- We are unofficially at 95% of our needed monthly support!

ITEMS FOR PRAYER:

- On August 17, we begin a six week journey to Alaska (to visit with two supporting churches), to Washington & Oregon (to visit with family and supporters), and to Colorado Springs (to learn a few language acquisition skills). We covet your prayers for wisdom in defining boundaries, adequate rest, safety in travel, smooth adjustment for our boys, and effectiveness in ministry.
- Please pray for patience and organizational skills as we finish packing and making inventory of the items we are shipping to Rwanda in our 20' container.
- Rwanda is currently experiencing its most serious energy crisis since its independence in 1962. Electricity is only available for about three to four hours during the day in the capitol city. This problem has serious ramifications throughout the country. Please pray for wisdom and resources for Rwanda's leaders to be able to effectively address this issue. (For more information about the problem, check the following article: [www.mg.co.za/Content/13.asp?ao=119109](http://www.mg.co.za/Content/13.asp?ao=119109).)

DEPUTATION HIGHLIGHT:

It's often the case that serving the Lord establishes ties between people that are just like family. Our visit with First Baptist Church, in Iron River, MI, was like spending time with extended family. Two highlights stand out among the many:

- Seven years ago, I (Tim) lived in Iron River and served with the church in youth ministry. During that time, I coached a small group of boys playing t-ball. One family (whose son played first base) really reached out to me. God laid that family upon my heart, and for a few subsequent years they remained on my prayer list. During our visit in July, we were

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able to witness the baptism of three of their five children - one of which was that first base player from seven years ago. Wow!

- A few months ago, someone from the church thought up a unique idea for raising money for missionaries. The church was put to the challenge to raise a certain sum of money. If they raised the set amount, the pastor's teenage son John would shave off his long, curly hair. Well, the church gave twice the set amount! This is one of the most creative missions fundraisers we've come across. And, during our trip we had the chance to personally thank John and witness his filamental adjustment through 'before' and 'after' photos.

Serving Him Together with Joy,

Tim, Jessica, Thomas & Martin Brubaker

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