



## BRUBAKERS PRAYER UPDATE—AUGUST 2009

### DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS –

It seems like four months since we left the USA when in reality it has only been four weeks. But, even with all of the busyness of life in Rwanda, it is so nice to be home. Thanks for your prayers! Here is a list of new things to remember as you pray for us and our ministry:

### KATABIRORA –

This is HUGE. Many of you remember the story of our professor who was imprisoned for alleged genocide crimes. After 26 months in jail, we heard this afternoon that the tribunal system has finally given Katabirora a date for his retrial – this Friday (August 7). Please pray that they will follow through with the retrial. Pray for the truth to surface. And, pray that evil and greedy intentions would have no authority to influence the trial.

### LIBRARY CONTAINER –

As of Friday, June 24, everything regarding our container is completed. The big red box is sitting on NCM's property, having been completely unpacked and repacked in front of the Rwandan Customs officials. Not one thing was damaged! (Actually, two cases of soda that I stuffed in the container at the last minute fell out when we opened the doors. A few cans were punctured. But, the rest of the soda we shared with the people who helped unpack. It was interesting seeing their response to Dr. Pepper!) Thanks for your faithful prayers for this project. Now we wait for the right timing to set up the shelves and stock the library. (And, we wait for funding to build a sufficient facility!)



*It was a hot day to unload the container. But, with the help of seven neighborhood guys, we were able to unload and reload the contents within four hours.*

### NEW CREATION MINISTRIES (NCM) –

It has been fun to reintegrate into ministry at NCM. As you pray for us and our ministry, please remember our Rwandan partners, as well:

- **Joseph (Pastor-to-the-Pastors):** Please pray that he will have wisdom to counsel pastoral students in ways that will be constructive in their relationships with the Lord and in their local church ministries. It is hard to imagine the depth of problems and the tragic stories that so many students bring. But, we praise the Lord that in a culture of suspicion people are allowing Joseph the opportunity to counsel them.
- **Gaudiose (Children's Ministry):** Please pray for wisdom for her and her partner Audrey as they prepare ideas and lessons to help churches improve their ministries to children.
- **Jean Baptiste (Teacher):** Please pray for the Lord to use his teaching to impact the minds and hearts of many. Jean Baptiste is especially gifted in teaching the Old Testament in a way which is theologically sound and appropriate – a rare gift in any country! Please pray that he will also have wisdom to balance his involvement with NCM and his church planting ministry outside of NCM.
- **Mark (Business Manager):** Please for the ability to maneuver and oversee the many, many aspects of the business side of NCM.

### DEGREE LEVEL CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL –

Please continue to pray for wisdom to discern the next steps in preparing this upper-level school. We are repeatedly



hearing of people who are very interested in studying with us. But, there are many steps that need to be taken before we are ready.

### **PASTORAL TRAINING SCHOOL –**

Monday, August 17, to Friday, September 4, fourth year pastoral students will be in town studying with us. I (Tim) will be teaching “Missions.” Audrey and Gaudiose will be teaching “Children’s Ministry.” Gary Scheer will be teaching “Teaching.” And, our friend Violette will be teaching “Counseling.” Please pray for a great time of instruction, life-change and ministry formation.

### **KUMBYA CONFERENCE –**

Last Saturday, we returned from an eight day conference in the southwest corner of Rwanda. Missionaries from multiple countries and multiple denominations gathered together for a time of fellowship, worship, and networking. This conference has been meeting annually in Rwanda since the early 1940s and has been a key witness to the unity among diverse mission agencies in the region. The membership (including us) of the Kumbya Conference are currently in a drawn-out process of trying to legally register itself so that it can legally own and develop the land on which the conference has been held all of these years. (Up until now, the land has been held in trust by another organization.) The stewardship is remarkable, as we have never heard of another mission field where there is such unity among Christian workers. Please pray that as we move ahead with legal registration and organization that our paperwork would move quickly and favorably through government offices.



*Croquet on the shores of Lake Kivu at 6:30 AM. We had a great time at Kumbya!*

### **PERSONAL/FAMILY CONCERNS –**

We have a new addition to our family (as of yesterday) – a little kitten named Rat-Snatcher. We’re hoping that he lives up to his name (and doesn’t get eaten by our German Shepherd). Our kids are very happy and well adjusted to being home. Last week we met Thomas’s new teacher named Molly. She has a great testimony and an obvious love for the Lord. As you pray for our family, please pray for wisdom in deciding what church we should attend. The church we attended previous to our departure to the USA has (pretty much) closed its doors, as the entire neighborhood has been destroyed as a result of the city’s urban development plan. Please pray that we would find a suitable church home where we can worship and serve.

### **LAST MONTH’S HIGHLIGHTS –**

What do fishing poles, croquet, monkeys and motorboats have in common? KUMBYA! Attending the annual Kumbya Conference has been an annual highlight for our family since 2005. Every year the conference is scheduled for the last week of July into the first week of August. Speakers and children’s ministry leaders often come from overseas to minister to the broad selection of missionaries from around East and Central Africa. Having recently returned from the States, we appreciated this year’s conference for different reasons, as we were able to quickly reintegrate into the missionary community and hear stories about what others are doing. Additionally, we had a great time swimming, fishing, playing croquet, singing, reading, etc... The only setback of the week was realizing too late that our tent isn’t completely waterproof!

Thanks for all your prayers and support!

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