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Subject: BRUBAKERS PRAYER UPDATE - DECEMBER 2005

DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS –

Today marks our one year anniversary of being in Rwanda. Time passes so quickly! As we look back over the past year, filled with high points and low points, we cannot miss seeing the remarkable grace of God in providing exactly what we've needed at exactly the time we've needed it. We are humbly indebted to you, as you've faithfully prayed for us over this year. Thank you!

NOTES OF PRAISE –

- Both of us have had good opportunities to teach over the past month. Jessica's teaching on the miracles of Jesus (November 6) went smoothly and was a good learning experience. Tim's preaching in Mutara province (December 4) was also a profitable experience.
- Tim's mother's visit was a great time of making memories and enjoying each other's company. Her time here has undoubtedly left a wonderful impression on Thomas and Martin, as they were able to spend a lot of time with their grandmother.
- On November 19, the first official class of pastors graduated from M.N.C.'s Pastoral Training School. Seventeen pastors received diplomas recognizing four years of education and discipleship.

ITEMS FOR PRAYER –

- Please continue to pray for wisdom to know whether we should begin attending a new church in January. As we've said before, our ministry is not affiliated with one specific denomination, so we have the freedom to choose where we attend. We really enjoy our current church situation. But, we want to avoid unnecessary dependency issues, as well as participate with other local believers.
- Though we have our container and its contents in our possession, we're still waiting for finalization of the shipping papers and charges. The government hasn't found our paperwork. At this point, it's not a huge problem (just something we'd like to have behind us).
- Please pray for a joyful holiday season, as we create new traditions with our boys in a very different place. As there are very few cultural precedents for Christmas traditions here, we've been able to make our own decisions. We've substituted a homemade manger in place of a tree. And, we've been reading and discussing Bible passages together as a family in the evenings during this Advent season.
- Please pray for wisdom for M.N.C. (our local ministry) as we try to develop a long-term strategy for financially sustaining the growing ministry.

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHT –

Fourteen days with Meemo! That was definitely a highlight for all of us. Meemo (literally, *Grammy Mo* or *Maureen*) arrived on November 22, with luggage stuffed with huge Tonka trucks and hordes of chocolate. Before she came, Thomas and Martin decorated her room with signs and posters welcoming her with their love. Wanting her to return in coming years, we decided it was not wise to overwhelm her with culturally shocking experiences. But, even still, her plate was full. She tagged along with us on various ministry outings. We visited Akagera Game Park (at one point we were completely surrounded by zebras, giraffes, and impalas). We toured a coffee factory, a genocide memorial, the national museum, and various craft expositions. And, we drove to a rural church with other pastors to preach and encourage the local believers (the congregation meets under old United Nations tarps). We are so thankful for her gift of time, resources, energy, and comfort to be with us for those two weeks.

Thanks for Praying,

TIM, JESSICA, THOMAS & MARTIN



Above: One of the curious zebras that surrounded our car at the Game Park.

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