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Subject: BRUBAKERS PRAYER UPDATE - FEBRUARY 2006

DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS –

Once again, we thank you for your faithful ministry of prayer on our behalf. January has been a very busy month. But, we know that every step we take in life and ministry here is undergirded by the prayers of faithful friends and family.

NOTES OF PRAISE –

- Our visitors came and went with no problems.
 - o Audrey and her friend Leon had productive days of visiting various places of ministry, as well as meeting Rwandan ministry leaders. Now we look forward to Audrey's permanent return to Rwanda in the months ahead to help develop M.N.C.'s ministry to children, though for now she is raising support.
 - o Mike and Connie saw many places in Rwanda during their two week visit. They were a huge refreshment to us, as we had great times of talking and enjoying them. Thomas will be talking about Mike for months, as he was frequently found on the floor wrestling with our boys!
- Tim had many travels and opportunities for ministry in the month of January. Together with coworker Gary Scheer, Tim visited four students within the pastoral training program in various parts of the country. Also, January's schedule provided four opportunities for Tim to preach (one opportunity was with twenty minutes notice).
- Friday, February 3 through Sunday, February 5, Tim participated in an M.N.C. leadership retreat. Though everything was discussed in Kinyarwanda, it was a great time of prayer, Bible study, and building relationships with our Rwandese leaders.

ITEMS FOR PRAYER –

- Please continue to pray for Tim as he writes, translates, memorizes, and studies in preparation for his first lessons to be taught within M.N.C.'s Pastoral Training School. The lessons will be taught during the last week of February and first week of March. Please pray for time-efficiency and wisdom in preparation.
- On Sunday, February 19, Jessica will be sharing her testimony in church. Please pray for an encouraging experience in preparing and presenting her story in Kinyarwanda.
- Please pray for God's provision of a gifted translator to work alongside Jessica in the ministry of writing and preparing materials in Kinyarwanda. We are praying for someone gifted in writing in Kinyarwanda, as well as a firm and efficient grasp of English. Government and non-government organizations pay large amounts of money for this kind of work. So, we're praying for someone with a willingness to be paid less, as our budgets don't match those of secular organizations!
- Please pray for wisdom as we begin the process of seeking appropriate schooling options for Thomas. The biggest decision we need to make is whether we will pursue education in French or English. If French, we'd like to start sending him for a few mornings per week in the Fall, as an early start in learning French would be beneficial to him. If English, we need to think clearly about the limitations we'll face as he enters junior high and high school.

JANUARY HIGHLIGHT –

A five hundred pound silverback gorilla reclining five feet away from where we were standing! That is a moment to remember. It is said that only about seven hundred mountain gorillas remain within the world. And, a large number of them live within a three hour drive of our home. While our friends Mike and Connie were in Rwanda, I (Tim) traveled with them to the northwest corner of the country to trek into Volcanoes National Park to visit a gorilla family. Though the hike was strenuous, the rewards were outstanding. At one point, we were completely

surrounded by about eight gorillas, including moms, dads, and even a little toddler. Some were within two or three feet of us. Without a doubt, these animals had the strength to tear us apart limb by limb! What a great experience to enjoy the unique beauty of God's creation within Rwanda.

Thanks for praying!

TIM, JESSICA, THOMAS & MARTIN



Gorilla in Volcanoes National Park.

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