



Tim & Jessica Brubaker

Prayer Update - February 2007

*Serving with Mission pour la Nouvelle Creature
to train pastors and church leaders in Rwanda.*

DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS

After a short dry season in January, the rains have returned. And, with the heavy rains comes remarkable reminders of the power of God within nature. The God which sends rain in its season is the same Lord who hears and answers prayer. Thus, we thank you for your faithfulness in praying for us and our ministry.

Many have asked us to post new pictures on our website. We apologize for the delay. The week after Cecilia was born, Tim needed to reformat the hard-drive on our computer. In the process, we lost the program we used to update the website. Tim's father brought a new copy in January. And, over the last few weeks, we have slowly been working on updating our site and transferring it to MNC's domain (which is also under construction): www.ncmrwanda.org/brubaker.

NOTES OF PRAISE

VISITORS: We had a great visit with Tom (Tim's father) and Gail Brubaker in January. During their three week visit, they were able to see various parts of Rwanda as well as many different aspects of our daily life and ministry.

TRANSITIONS: As coworkers Gary and Laurie Scheer have returned to the States for a short furlough, Tim has settled into various new roles at MNC. He is completely enjoying his new responsibilities and involvement in the ministry.

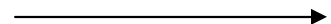
BOYS' SCHOOLING: Thank you for praying for our boys' school needs during our upcoming furlough in 2008. Shortly after



sending our previous prayer update, various people responded with suggestions which inevitably led us to another school north of Chicago, a short distance from our home church. Amazingly the school offers only two grades which are exactly the levels in which our children will be at that time. Please continue to pray, though, as the school requires an interview before acceptance, which is a bit difficult to do from Rwanda!

ITEMS FOR PRAYER

MNC MINISTRY: Please pray for Tim to have wisdom and good use of time in the new roles that he has at MNC. As he continues to prepare lessons to teach in the pastoral school, he has the new responsibilities of leading staff meetings, planning leadership retreats, seeking resolution to various problems, etc...



MORE ITEMS FOR PRAYER

MNC LEADERSHIP RETREAT: Please pray for MNC's leadership retreat which will take place March 2-4. During that time we will be praying for and discussing MNC's ministry with our Rwandan leadership team and staff. Pray specifically for good times of prayer, building of relationships among MNC's leadership, and a true sense of ownership of the ministry among the leaders.

HEALTH: Please pray for our family's health. The fluctuation in weather combined with busy schedules over the last few weeks has brought quite a few health struggles. Tim spent two weeks in January sick with strep throat. All three children are fighting off colds. And, Jessica is currently wrestling with a case of something.

NEIGHBORHOOD GIRL: Please continue to pray for the difficult situation with the family in our neighborhood. The father has literally lost his mind. The mother has problems with alcohol (but denies it). And, the oldest daughter (fifteen years) is pregnant. This family has had a close relationship with our mission for many years. Now we are finding it difficult to know how to help them in a constructive way. Please pray for wisdom for our team.

JANUARY HIGHLIGHT

Tommy and Tuffy stories... Swimming in Lake Kivu... Playing croquet along the beach... Reading books... Taking walks... Wrestling... Eating too much candy... Watching new movies... What's the connection? **GRANDPARENTS!** Our kids had an amazing time making memories with their grandparents during their three week visit in January. What was the highlight for Thomas, Martin and Cecilia? For the boys it may have been floating in an inner-tube with Pappy in Lake Kivu, chasing a boat filled with disconcerted Rwandese. It may have been all of the stories Pappy and Grammy Gail told them before bed. And, for Cecilia it was probably the countless hours Grammy Gail carried her around when she was fussy. But, all in all, the most memorable part of their trip was indefinitely the fact that they came.

Tim, Jessica, Thomas, Martin & Cecilia

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Tim's father carries Thomas and Martin in an inner-tube while enjoying some time along Lake Kivu.