

January 2004

Dear Friends,

We hope you've experienced great joy and renewing rest during the holiday season. Thank you for your partnership with us in prayer as we head down this road to Rwanda. Please keep in mind our interest in praying for you, as well. We'd love to hear from you about issues we can remember in prayer.

NOTES OF PRAISE:

- Thank you for praying that God would direct us to churches in our own area during these winter months. We've made connections with four new churches over the last month. Two have invited us to preach or share about our plans for ministry. And, two have expressed interest in hearing more over coffee. Indeed, our Spring schedule is filling up!

- Our support level continues to increase. Our goal was to be at 60% of our annual support by January. God has provided 64% (unofficially).

ITEMS FOR PRAYER:

- Please pray that God would give us wisdom concerning what to do with our house. We are considering the options of selling or renting it. Renting has the possible advantage of accumulating equity. Selling has the advantage of freeing us from another concern while we're overseas.

- Please pray that God would continue to provide strategic opportunities to develop & nurture relationships with churches. We are trusting God to provide the remainder of our support needs. And, we are looking for opportunities to further develop existing relationships with supporting churches before we leave for Africa.

- We will be in Denver, CO, from January 14 through January 22, for the second phase of our appointee orientation and for CBInternational's Renewal Conference. We are excited to have the opportunity to be with CBI's entire Rwanda team during this time, as well. Please pray for safe travel and a season of true spiritual renewal.

DECEMBER DEPUTATION HIGHLIGHT:

- During the Thanksgiving season, our home church, Skokie Valley Baptist, coordinated an effort to raise money for our regular support. The plan was to raise "a part" of the church's annual commitment. Our pastor, Ed Brown, mailed a letter explaining our ministry plans. And, the church board promoted this opportunity to give. The result was outstanding. The amount received was four times the anticipated amount. We are extremely grateful for SVBC's encouragement in this way. We truly feel like our home church (as are other churches) is standing with us in this ministry.

Thanks for your partnership in prayer.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Tim, Jessica, Thomas & #2 Brubaker

P.S. Again, our plan is to send a prayer-partner email once each month before we leave for Rwanda. While in Rwanda, we intend to send emails weekly. If you'd like us to discontinue sending you these emails, we'll take no offense! Just let us know.