

JANUARY 2005 PRAYER UPDATE

DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS –

Once again, thank you for your prayers. We arrived safely in Kigali, Rwanda, on December 7. The past three weeks have been filled with new experiences and transitions, as we've begun our new lives in Africa. Yet, your ministry in prayer remains a crucial partnership. For visual images and other information about our ministry in Rwanda, please visit our website: www.skokievalley.org/brubaker.

NOTES OF PRAISE –

- Thank you for praying for a safe and smooth journey from Chicago to Kigali. After twenty hours in commute, we were ready to be done. Unfortunately, we did lose one small bag. But, thankfully, nothing was irreplaceable.
- Thank you for praying for the Lord's provision of a language helper. As we previously mentioned, this is an important responsibility, as language will be foundational to our ministry. We thank the Lord for Silas, a local Rwandan pastor who is known for his excellent Kinyarwanda. He not only speaks well, but he can explain much of the culture implied within words and concepts.
- Thank you for continuing to pray for the safe and timely delivery of our container. It is still en route, most likely somewhere between Dar Es Salaam and Kigali. Please continue to pray for the logistics of its delivery. And, please pray that we would receive an exoneration (reduced customs charges) for the contents of the container.

ITEMS FOR PRAYER –

- Please pray for the various logistics of transition. Pray for wisdom in finding the right home (we are currently living with other missionaries), an easy experience in procuring visas, and the development of new friendships. Please pray for the ability to handle the accompanying stress in godly ways.
- Please pray for Thomas and Martin as they adjust to a new culture in which very little is recognizable and familiar. They have been doing very well. Pray for wisdom for us to shepherd them well. And, pray for smoothness in the many transitions in their lives.
- Please pray for a quickened ability to learn Kinyarwanda. We spend most of our days studying grammar, meeting with Silas, and practicing in the neighborhood. And, pray for Silas, that the Lord would sustain his weak health, and that the Lord would bless him for his ministry to us.

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHT –

When we visited Rwanda in Spring, 2003, we had the opportunity to briefly teach the pastors enrolled in the training program. We've been thrilled to re-encounter many of these pastors over the last three weeks. On Saturday, December 18, the New Creation Ministries board of directors met here in Kigali. Again, it was exciting for us to be introduced to these men and to fellowship over lunch. And, it has been fun to reacquaint ourselves with our CBI ministry team here in Rwanda. Though it will take a significant period of time to learn Kinyarwanda, we have been reminded over the last three weeks of the ministry for which we've come.

Thanks for Praying!

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