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Prayer Update - January 2007

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

DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS

Happy New Year from across the globe! Again, thank you for your partnership with us in prayer. As we begin the new year, we anticipate a great year of serving together with you in Rwanda.

NOTES OF PRAISE

COWORKERS: Coworkers Gary and Barbara Bennett safely returned to Rwanda in mid-December with their daughters Megan and Melissa. Barbara (who is new to Rwanda) has eagerly jumped into language study. Our teacher Silas will be teaching her as well.

HOLIDAYS: We had a good holiday season. We spent the Christmas holidays with our teammates and New Year's Eve with friends from down the road.

THOMAS'S SCHOOLING: Thomas finished his first term at the French pre-school. All went amazingly well. We are very thankful for the Lord's provision in this need. He'll return back to school on Monday, January 8. We have confidence that the Lord will continue to smooth the road ahead of him.



Brubakers on Christmas Eve.

ITEMS FOR PRAYER

MINISTRY PREP: Tim continues to write and translate. Please continue to pray for efficiency with time and the ability to choose appropriate words in preparing curriculum. He is preparing teaching materials for the Gospels and Life of Christ, Acts, Romans, and Galatians.



Thomas and some new Rwandese friends.

VISITORS: Tom and Gail Brubaker (Tom is Tim's father) will be arriving on January 2. They will be with us until Sunday, January 21. Please pray for safety in travel, good health, and a great visit with us. While they are in the country, we will be doing a lot of travelling. Also, pray specifically for the stability of Gail's health as she has had some serious thyroid problems in the last few weeks.

SCHOOLING IN STATES: Please continue to pray for wisdom regarding Thomas's and Martin's schooling during our home assignment in the States (Fall 2008 - Summer 2009). We are trying to explore various options for continuing to send them to a French speaking school in Chicago. Pray that God would clearly open the door.



MORE ITEMS FOR PRAYER

COWORKERS: Coworkers Gary and Laurie Scheer are packing their bags to return to the States for home assignment. Please pray for them as they have many things to conclude before they depart. And, in Gary's absence, Tim will assume responsibilities of overseeing MNC. Thus, please pray for Tim in this new responsibility.

MNC'S FUTURE: Please continue to pray for the future of MNC as we contemplate adding an additional level of education.

NEIGHBOR GIRL: Every Sunday we take to church with us anywhere from five to ten kids from our neighborhood. One of the girls (fourteen years old) that we have known since the beginning of our time in Rwanda is pregnant. There are big problems in their family (the father has lost his mind and the mother has a problem with alcohol). This is a very complicated situation with which we will inevitably be involved. Please pray for wisdom and for the truth to be made clear.

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Le Père Noël is a big hairy Belgian man with glasses?

Santa Claus (or Père Noël, in French) visited Thomas's school during their performance the Friday before Christmas. Because we live in Rwanda where Santa seldom visits (i.e. not overly commercialized like in America), Thomas saw Santa and refused to perform in the play (though he did stand on the stage). He was *terrified* (of course, even those of us who are accustomed to the strange tradition thought he was a bit scary, as well)!

Regardless of the terror Thomas felt toward Santa Claus, we are deeply proud of how well he has responded to the unique challenges of learning in French. Four months in school and barely a tear (until Père Noël). All of this is added confirmation that the Lord has confirmed our steps in coming to serve Him in Rwanda.

As they say in Rwanda, may God give you a blessed new year filled with milk, honey, good fortune and bounty. Thanks for praying!



Thomas stands with his teacher on the side of the stage, scared of the big Belgian Santa (the teacher's husband).

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