



## BRUBAKERS PRAYER UPDATE

*NEW CREATION MINISTRIES – KIGALI, RWANDA*

**JANUARY 2009**

### DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS –

Around the country in eighty days – more or less! Since we returned to the States in August, we've been to twenty different states, from Maine to Alaska. It has been invigorating to share about God's work in Rwanda and exciting to see people embrace the ministry with which we're involved. Thanks for your sustaining prayers.

Please remember to check our website for updated photos, newsletters and other resources: [www.ncmrwanda.org/brubaker](http://www.ncmrwanda.org/brubaker).

This month we are starting to distribute our monthly prayer updates via Facebook. Though we will continue to send out monthly emails, we realize that there is an entire generation for whom email is an archaic form of communication. If you are interested in receiving our updates as Facebook messages, please join the group "Brubakers in Rwanda – Ministry Updates." If you'd prefer to just receive these updates via Facebook, please let us know, and we'll remove your address from our email distribution list.

### NOTES OF PRAISE –

- **Home Assignment Travels:** In mid-December we finished our journeys across the country to visit partner churches. We had a great time of reconnecting with friends and supporters in Alaska. Unfortunately, one of the churches that we visited (Wasilla Bible Church) was set on fire during the week after our visit. Please pray for this church community as they repair their facility and maintain their testimony within the community.
- **Transitions:** This week (the first week of January) we settled into an apartment in Winnetka, Illinois, where we will be staying until we return to Rwanda in late June. Remarkably, the apartment is a block away from the school in which we are studying French (see prayer request below and note our new mailing address in the footer of this message).
- **Thomas's Schooling:** For the last four months, amidst our travels across America, we have been teaching Thomas using materials to keep in sync with the school which he is now attending. On Monday, he started kindergarten at Jerusalem Lutheran School in Morton Grove. He LOVES it.



### ITEMS FOR PRAYER –

- **January Travels:** During the week of January 19-23, Tim will be travelling to Grand Rapids, Michigan, to continue selecting books for NCM's Theological Library. January 25-30, Tim will be in Denver, attending a

conference with our mission agency WorldVenture. Please pray for safety in travel. And, pray for Jessica as she cares for our three kids by herself.

- **Degree Level Christian Leadership School:** Continue to pray for NCM's plans to begin an English speaking Bible college. Based on NCM's track-record, this school has potential to have a huge impact in training upper-level leaders for the church in Rwanda. Please pray for wisdom and clarity in refining our vision. Pray for provision of financial resources. And, pray for the provision of like-minded staff.
- **Personal Support:** Because of rising costs in Rwanda and the weakened dollar worldwide, the finances we need to work in Rwanda have increased. Before we return to Rwanda in June, we need to raise an additional \$600 per month. Please pray that God leads us to the right individuals and churches.
- **French Study:** One of our goals for our remaining six months in the USA is to study French (*much* easier than Kinyarwanda). This week we both began studying at a little school about a block from where we live. In addition to classroom time, we are both using Rosetta Stone. Please pray that God would quicken our minds to learn as much of the language as we can.

### DECEMBER HIGHLIGHT –

Though the avalanche signs threatened to convince us to turn around, we pressed on with our mission – to lead Thomas, Martin & Cecilia to their first thrills of sledding. Jessica led us into a mountain range near Wasilla, Alaska, in which she played as a child. With multiple layers of clothing to protect our Africanized blood, we trudged up and up the side of the mountain through fresh powder in sub-zero temperatures. Our kids were a bit reluctant at first. I (Tim) sat on a sled with Martin, telling him that it's good to ride with an adult to get more speed. Barely getting settled, the sled took off down the sharp decline with Martin in the front to catch in the face all of the snow. I couldn't see either, my glasses being completely covered. We blasted down the hill and unknowingly hit a bump in the terrain, went flying through the air, an exhilarating journey which was forcefully interrupted by a large snow bank. The velocity of my body squashed Martin against the bank. With eyes closed, he fell backward, covered with the snowy debris of a true crash-course lesson in sledding. I truly thought the experience was a bust. But, his reddened eyes slowly opened and with a cold-affected voice he slurred, "Let's do that again!"



Thanks for Praying,

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