



## BRUBAKERS PRAYER UPDATE – JANUARY 2010

### DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS –

Thanks for your faithful prayers for our family and ministry. This month's update will be short, not because there isn't much to report, but because there is too much! So, we'll focus on a few big things coming up:

### PASTORAL TRAINING SCHOOL –

Many of you will remember the story from two years ago of first-year pastors in our Pastoral Training School who professed faith in Jesus for the first time. (It was an unbelievable experience!) Next week we are welcoming another class of new pastors. And, we will begin with the same two courses in which hearts were stirred two years ago – The True Gospel and The Christian Life. Because of the huge demand for the school, we are anticipating between 70-80 pastors (which will be a problem, since we only have 70 beds!). They will study for three weeks (1/18 - 2/5). Please pray for us, as we teach (myself and Muyombano Joseph) – that the Spirit of God would move among the students and bring about transformational, heart-level change.

### CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE OF RWANDA –

Last weekend, we held our ministry's two day annual meetings. During the meetings, I (Tim) presented to NCM's Rwandan constituency a team of four men who will comprise the nucleus of our degree-level program's Board of Directors. We are so thankful for four men who will represent this new ministry, each with unique interests and approaches. Their names are Richard (a local pastor), John (director of a Rwandan denomination), Jean Baptiste (a good friend and former colleague) and Nicholas (a highly trained agriculturalist with a heart for pastors and holistic, transformational education). Though there are still many steps before us, ratifying this board is a huge step ahead. Please pray for wisdom in the many details which remain.

### SHEPHERD LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE –

For the third consecutive year, NCM is playing a key part in planning a multi-denominational/organization conference aimed at providing Biblical teaching to Christian leaders in the highest levels of church leadership (often an untouchable crowd). Please pray for me (Tim), as I am one of the three speakers – and also representing the planning committee to the other two speakers so that there is continuity and fluidity between topics and sessions. This is a highly strategic conference, especially as this year we will be focusing the importance of the Gospel at the core of a leader's life and ministry. The conference will be held March 22-26.

### KIDS' SCHOOLING –

We seem to have a bit more clarity for our kids' schooling for September 2010. Though we were hoping that they could continue in the home schooling co-op, it is looking less likely that the co-op will continue. Most likely we will be sending both of our boys to a local school focused on teaching missionary children which has started in the last few years (called KICS). It's a great option, but still requires wisdom in making a good decision. Thanks for your prayers.

### DECEMBER HIGHLIGHT –

On December 20, we went as a family to visit one of our recent graduates in his church. It was a great experience – a day full of joy. Upon arriving at the church (located about sixty minutes outside of Kigali, on a rural dirt road), we walked in the building and found Katabirora's wife sitting there. (You might recall that Katabirora is our former colleague who has been locked up for genocide crimes.) After the morning service, we made time to visit Katabirora's wife and children in their home. It was a huge blessing to sit with her and pray with her – in the home which was purchased three years ago by the generosity of so many of you. (All of the following pictures are from this trip.)



Thanks for Praying!

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