

July 2004

Dear Praying Friends -

Once again, thanks for your partnership in this ministry through your prayers. We have reaped the benefit of those prayers over the past month through many major transitions in preparation for our move to Rwanda. As always, please keep us informed how we can be praying for you.

NOTES OF PRAISE:

- We have survived this season of major changes! Last week... we moved out of our house on Monday, officially sold our house on Tuesday, finished working at Skokie Valley Baptist Church on Wednesday, and began working a construction job on Thursday. Yet, through all of the changes, we have kept our sanity (I think). We are all adjusting well to our new home with Robin & Daniel.
- The work-trip to Wisconsin with students from our church went great. We had wonderful times of work, worship and fun.
- We had a remarkably enjoyable and meaningful time of ministry with the Evangelical Taiwan Church during their retreat at Cedar Lake Bible Conference, in Indiana, over the Fourth of July weekend. We had the privilege to share God's word with students, as well as develop new friendships with many adults. We were also pleasantly surprised to share the retreat with "old friends" from our Moody days, now serving as missionaries in Uzbekistan.
- We are unofficially at 94% of our needed monthly support!

ITEMS FOR PRAYER:

- Please pray for physical energy to work hard during the week, as well as the spiritual vitality to minister competently during our busy weekends with churches. We have a busy itinerary in the months before we depart.
- This month, please pray for effectiveness in ministry as we visit with various churches. On Sunday, July 11, I (Tim) will be preaching at New Hope Church, in Alsip, IL. During the weekend of July 22-25, we will be visiting with First Baptist Church, in Iron River, MI. Pray that God would give us great opportunities to share about Rwanda, as well as encourage people to consider missions.
- Only six percent left! Please continue to pray with us that God would lead us to these final partnerships.

DEPUTATION HIGHLIGHT:

Once again, our home church (Skokie Valley Baptist) has lavished upon us their love and support as we embark upon this road to Rwanda. On Sunday, June 6, the church leaders laid hands on us and prayed for us during the Sunday morning services. And, during a special dinner that afternoon, many people spoke kind and encouraging words reflecting our seven year tenure at the church. We are grateful for the ministry SVBC has had in our lives. And, we consider it a great privilege to be sent by this church to the mission field.

Serving Him Together with Joy,

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