

JULY 2006 – PRAYER UPDATE

DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS –

“Amazi arashuha ntiyabagirwa i wabo wa mbeho.” Rwandese people use this proverb to emphasize the idea that a person is unable to forget the culture and heritage from which he originated. Literally it says, *Hot water does not forget its cold home*. Given time hot water will again become cold. Even Americans in Rwanda cannot forget their roots! Thus, on the Fourth of July our little family enjoyed potato salad, hamburgers and red-white-and-blue jello, as we reminisced the memories of fireworks and picnics. We are grateful for your prayer support of our family and our ministry, and we constantly remember this dependence we have upon you. Thank you!

NOTES OF PRAISE –

- **Video Team:** The Church of Wrigleyville (Chicago, IL) sent two young men named Kasey and Patrick to help us prepare a video to spread the word about MNC's ministry. They collected almost ten hours of material that they will condense into short videos after they return home.
- **Tim's Teaching:** Tim taught for over five hours on the attributes of God during the final week of June. The highlight was wrestling in discussions with some of the pastors' conceptions of God. For example, some had a hard time accepting the fact that God doesn't have a body (after all, the Bible does use the words, *the arm of the Lord...*).
- **Jessica's Pregnancy:** Jessica has been feeling very well over the past month. All of us have felt the baby kicking, so we're assuming the baby is doing well, too!

ITEMS FOR PRAYER –

- **Lesson Preparation:** Tim is continuing to take on new teaching assignments. Currently he is putting together a lesson to explain the ministry and purposes of MNC to churches of students within the Pastoral Training School. He is also beginning to write materials for teaching short seminars to lay-leadership within local churches. Pray for creativity, insight, and effectiveness in these efforts.
- **Pastoral Visits:** Wednesday, July 12 to Thursday, July 13, Tim and Gary Scheer (co-worker with WorldVenture) will be travelling to Ruhengeri to meet with the churches of two of our current pastoral students. Please pray for safe travel and good communication with the leadership of the churches.
- **Kumbya Conference:** Saturday July 29, through Sunday, August 6, we will be driving to the southwest corner of the country for an annual missionary retreat. Missionaries from Congo, Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda and Tanzania, representing many different protestant backgrounds gather for a week of fellowship and Bible teaching. Please pray for safety for all who are travelling, as well as refreshment for those who attend (for many missionaries, this is the only break from work they have all year).

JUNE HIGHLIGHT –

Jesus speaks Kinyarwanda! At least he does in the Kinyarwanda version of the Jesus Film. On Saturday, June 17, we travelled with a group of short term missionaries (including our video team) to show the Jesus Film in a town in rural, northwest Rwanda. The church with whom we were partnering to show the film gave us a warm welcome (the music, singing and dancing were so crazy it seemed like the building was shaking). By dusk, we had set up our equipment in a nearby field. The video projector sat on top of one of our vehicles, with the screen about thirty feet away. Shortly after sundown, the masses arrived – over six hundred people. And, the film (a reel-to-reel) started to roll. Cheers went up as Jesus raised the dead, scowls as Judas and the religious leaders plotted to arrest Jesus, cringing with horror as Jesus was pierced with nails upon the Cross, and applause as the risen Christ appeared to his disciples. Though discipleship and evangelism both involve much more than showing a film, the impact of a visual representation of the Gospel in an illiterate society has great benefits. What a joy to share the story of the Gospel with so many who could have never read it for themselves. You can watch the film in Kinyarwanda (or English) online: www.jesusfilm.org.

Thanks for praying,

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