

June 2004

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your ongoing prayers. During these days of packing and transition, we covet your thoughtfulness of us before the Father. And, please, please, please let us know how we can be praying for you!

NOTES OF PRAISE:

- 1.. we have been blessed by the healthy birth of Martin James into the world. The transition has been amazingly smooth for all of us.
- 2.. We are grateful for the addition of another church to our support team - New Hope Church, in Alsip, IL.
- 3.. We are unofficially at 91% of our needed monthly support!

ITEMS FOR PRAYER:

- 1.. June is a month of huge transitions. As a family, we are joyfully adjusting to Martin. At the same time, we are disassembling our home and packing boxes. And, on top of all this, we are making the transition out of youth ministry. Pray for grace in goodbyes, resiliency for our children, and patience with the momentum of the changes. We will be moving in with our friends - Robin and her son Daniel. Pray for God's blessings on them for their generous hospitality.
- 2.. Saturday, June 19 through Sunday, June 27, Tim will be participating in a work-trip in Wisconsin alongside many of the students from our home church. Pray for safety and effective ministry to the students.
- 3.. Saturday, July 3 through Monday, July 5, we will be speaking to the youth of the Evangelical Taiwan Church (from Skokie, IL), during their summer retreat in Indiana. Pray for effectiveness in ministry and clear communication.
- 4.. We are actively trying to schedule the final months before our departure to Rwanda. Pray that God would provide the final 9%. And, pray that we would have wisdom in working out the logistics of travel with two children.

DEPUTATION HIGHLIGHT:

The realization that we are actually moving to Rwanda is an ongoing experience of disbelief, excitement, anxiety, and anticipation. Reality sets in slowly but surely. During the month of May we purchased one of the major catalysts to the onset of our ever-emerging reality - a "container." A twenty foot long steel contraption will transport all of our earthly possessions (plus a few folding chairs, folding tables & computers for the school in Kigali) to our now home. For the next four months it will adorn the backyard of our home church as we stuff it full. In early October, a tilt-body truck will load our container and set it on a ship to make the three month journey to Kigali. Lord willing, we will be there to receive it!

Serving Him Together with Joy,

Tim, Jessica, Thomas & Martin

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