

## BRUBAKERS PRAYER UPDATE

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### DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS –

We've officially begun our countdown to departure from Rwanda. On August 1, we will leave for the USA for the first time in four years. After having made Rwanda "home," leaving is a scary thought! Thank you for your prayers during this time of transition. And, we look forward to thanking many of you face-to-face. Please continue to check our website for updated pictures, newsletters, etc... ([www.ncmrwanda.org/brubaker](http://www.ncmrwanda.org/brubaker)). We have completely overhauled our website. Let us know how you like it.

### NOTES OF PRAISE:

- **Student Visit:** Tim's trip to Ruhengeri to teach a seminar over the weekend of May 3-4 went very well. Though the trip was nestled into the heart of rainy season, the roads were passable. Only twice did he almost slip off the side of a cliff. He taught basic Bible introduction materials to about twenty leaders from about six local churches.
- **Pastoral Training School:** Our session with fourth year students in May went very well. In particular, Tim taught a course on world missions. Most students admitted that they thought "missions" was the job of the "white men." But, by the end of the three week session, two students (ironically the youngest and the oldest) were asking how they could be sent to evangelize North Africa.
- **MNC's Degree Program:** On Friday, May 2, we met with four significant Christian leaders in the Rwandan church to ask for advice in appropriately contextualizing MNC's plans to offer a higher level accredited degree. They were extremely helpful and very affirming concerning our vision. In particular, we appreciated their advice concerning African learning styles and the need to integrally incorporate them into our curriculum.

### ITEMS FOR PRAYER:

- **Pastoral Training School:** We are currently in another training session with third year pastors. Tim is teaching a class on Preaching, focusing specifically on sermon preparation. Jean Baptiste is teaching a class on the Old Testament, spanning the division of the kingdom to the Babylonian Captivity. Please pray for good health for the students and for learning that will have deep impact in their lives and churches.
- **Home Assignment Preparation:** The days are passing quickly. Please pray for peaceful hearts as we enter this time of potentially stressful transition. We are packing up most of our house, solidifying plans for our time in the USA, and preparing materials to share with churches in the States... this is all in addition to what we normally do.
- **Katabirora:** Thank you for your faithful prayers for Katabirora's release. The latest report that we've heard from his wife is that there is a new overseer of the tribunal system where Katabirora's case was heard. This overseer saw glaring problems within Kata's case. He has dropped one charge as having no foundation and has said that Kata will be retried this month. He has communicated that he expects our friend to be released. Please pray that this actually happens, as we've heard similar promises before.

**LAST MONTH'S HIGHLIGHT:**

Our boys are stars! Last week we attended a school performance in which Thomas and Martin both had unique roles. Thomas and Martin both go to a preschool which teaches in French. And, both have become very capable French speakers. But, we didn't know the extent of their integration into their school until last week. We were amazed by what we saw: Thomas's class performed a choreographed dance. His teacher put him right up front because of how well he does. Martin's class did a similar dance. Martin was clearly the leader of the other kids in his class. Though their school is filled with kids from different backgrounds and nationalities, our kids have learned to feel at home in this context. Wow! What a gift from the Lord.

Thanks for praying,

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