

March 2004

Dear Friends,

We are grateful for your partnership with us in prayer as we prepare for ministry in Rwanda. Please know we are praying for you, as well.

NOTES OF PRAISE:

- Thank you for praying for our visits with First Baptist of Villa Park, IL, and First Baptist of Iron River, MI. Both meetings went well. In Villa Park we had good opportunities to talk with individuals considering missions. And, spending time with friends in Iron River is much like being with family.

- We have heard a word of confirmation from a church in Auburn, WA, indicating their intention to be a part of our support team. This is exciting news, as the church has played an important part in Jessica's family for many years. We are glad for their partnership.

- Currently our support level is unofficially at 80%! It is a great joy to see God provide.

ITEMS FOR PRAYER:

- Please continue to pray for wisdom concerning our dog Beau. As we mentioned last month, we need to find a new home for him, as we anticipate selling our house and paring down our lives. Pray that God would provide the right home for him where he can be as much of a joy to others as he has been for us.

- Our house will go on the market on March 15. Please pray for a timely sale. Our goal is to move out by the first week of July.

- Please pray for Jessica as she presents to a Ladies' Missions Guild on Thursday, March 4, at 10:15 AM (central). This group is affiliated with Windy City Baptist Church, in Chicago. Pray for clarity of speech and effectiveness in encouraging these ladies in their efforts for missions.

- March 18-23 we will be in Portland, ME, with First Baptist Church. Please pray for safety in travel and effectiveness in building relationships with people from the church. Pray that we would be able to contribute to the church's missions efforts.

- Please continue to pray that God would provide opportunities to share with churches. We mailed information to six new churches in our area last week and intend to follow up with phone calls in the next two weeks. Pray that God would open and close doors in step with His plan.

- Please continue to pray for Jessica's health during the last months of her pregnancy. Thomas is walking. Baby #2 is kicking hard. And, Jessica is quite exhausted from the combination.

FEBRUARY DEPUTATION HIGHLIGHT:

- In the summer of 1997, I (Tim) spent four months serving with the people of First Baptist Church, Iron River, MI. During those months, God knit our hearts together with the people of this church. In recent weeks, the church held a unique fundraiser to provide financial gifts for two of their missionary couples. The pastor brought his long-haired teenage son before the congregation and made a deal - if the church would give a certain amount toward missions, the son's hair would get buzzed off. The congregation responded overwhelmingly with twice as much as was anticipated. The son lost his hair. And, we were blessed by the church's generosity. Isn't that a creative way to motivate a congregation toward missions-giving?

Thanks, again, for praying,

Tim, Jessica, Thomas, & #2

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