



# Tim & Jessica Brubaker

## Prayer Update - March 2007

*Serving with Mission pour la Nouvelle Creature  
to train pastors and church leaders in Rwanda.*

### DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS

Lots of sun and lots of fun! That's a good summary of the last month. We've had a good season of new experiences in ministry. Thomas had a good week of school vacation (with a lot of swimming and playing with match-box cars). And, though busier than we've ever been since arriving in Rwanda, we are really enjoying life together. Thank you for your prayers! This letter, old letters, and new pictures are all posted on our website: [www.ncmrwanda.org/brubaker](http://www.ncmrwanda.org/brubaker).

### NOTES OF PRAISE

**LESSON PREPARATION:** Tim finished lesson preparation for teaching "*The Life of Christ*." The fruit of his labor was a 140 page book explaining in Kinyarwanda the Gospel of Matthew.

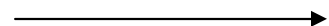
**MNC LEADERSHIP RETREAT:** The MNC leadership retreat (March 2-4) in Rwanda's northwest to pray, study, and mutually encourage one another went *great!* (See highlight below.)

**HEALTH:** Everyone is feeling healthy, these days. Thomas is finishing up an antibiotic to fight dysentery. But, otherwise, we are all doing well.

### ITEMS FOR PRAYER

**PASTORAL TRAINING SCHOOL:** MNC's Pastoral Training School is currently in session. Fourteen pastors from Rwanda and Uganda are in town for their first three-week term of 2007. Tim is teaching *The Life of Christ*. Katabirora Laurent (our Rwandese teacher) is teaching *Church History*. The students are studying well. Please pray for their health and growth during this time. Also, pray for Tim and Katabirora that they will have wisdom and ability to enable these men. The pastors will finish this term on Friday, March 23. Pray that they will have wisdom to put the things they are learning now into practice within the churches they oversee.

**LESSON PREPARATION:** Tim is busy writing and translating new lesson materials for the next term, when he will teach *Acts*, *Romans* and *Galatians*. Please pray for wisdom, time efficiency, and insight.



## MORE ITEMS FOR PRAYER

**EAST AFRICA FIELD LEADERS:** At the end of March (Monday, March 26 through Thursday, March 29) there will be meetings with other field leaders working with WorldVenture from East Africa. Tim, as field leader for Rwanda, will be travelling to the western province for a time of mutual encouragement and discussion. Please pray for safety in travel and productive meetings.

**CECILIA'S SLEEP:** Please pray for Cecilia to sleep well through the night. For the last two weeks she has been waking up between 3:00 and 4:00 in the morning ready to play. Though she is extremely pleasant (even at that hour), her parents don't have the liberty to sleep all day, like she does!

**VACATION:** On Saturday, March 31, we are leaving Rwanda for nine days of vacation on an island off the coast of Tanzania (called Zanzibar). Please pray that this trip will be safe and relaxing so that we can return to the work in Rwanda completely refreshed.

**SCHOOLING IN U.S.A:** Please continue to pray for the appropriate doors to open for Thomas's and Martin's education during our furlough in 2008-2009.

## KINYARWANDA TONGUE-TWISTERS OVER BEANS AND RICE!

*Kinyarwanda tongue-twisters over beans and rice!* The goals of MNC's Leadership Retreat (March 2-4 in Ruhondo, Ruhengeri) were twofold – unity and prayer. Eight leaders representing MNC's board of directors, leadership team, staff, and missionaries spent three days studying, praying for the needs of the ministry, and building unity by enjoying each others' company. The highlights were many – long discussions about the difference between “worldly leadership” and “Christian leadership;” great times of worship, focusing on the attributes of God; a strenuous walk down to Lake Ruhondo; good food; and, entertaining mealtime



conversations. (As much as Rwandans say they don't like to talk about their language, it is the topic-of-choice at just about every leisurely event!). One such conversational highlight was on Saturday night when Silas (our language helper) and others spent about an hour reciting Kinyarwanda tongue-twisters to each other! At the end of the weekend, we asked the leaders for their feed-back. They all mentioned that the weekend was a great encouragement to them. They commented that many other ministries hold similar retreats in order to solve existing problems. We thank the Lord that our retreat was not needed to “solve problems” but to celebrate our unity and *proactively* build vision for the future!

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