



## BRUBAKERS PRAYER UPDATE

### NEW CREATION MINISTRIES – KIGALI, RWANDA

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#### DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS,

Like recent Illinois politics, Chicago's weather has been capricious and unreliable over the past few weeks, with enjoyable but short-lived spells of warmer weather. Thanks for sustaining us with your prayers. Please remember that these updates are also available on Facebook by joining the group called "Brubakers in Rwanda – Ministry Updates." Be sure to check our website for photos, newsletters and other resources: [www.ncmrwanda.org/brubaker](http://www.ncmrwanda.org/brubaker).

#### DEGREE LEVEL BIBLE SCHOOL

Our plans for beginning a degree level Bible school are continuing to take shape in unique ways. One of the options we have been discussing is to work with another group of missionaries who are currently involved in theological education in Rwanda in order to eliminate unnecessary competition and capitalize on pooled resources. We have begun to conceptualize what it would look like to cooperate with another Rwandan organization to begin an independent college program built upon the methodology which has made NCM effective. In the last two weeks, we have made major steps in presenting a potential partnership to NCM's board of directors as well as to the leadership of another ministry in Rwanda. Though it is still too early to begin releasing the names of the organizations, we want to ask for your prayers now, as this partnership in beginning a new school will require overcoming some major hurdles.



*Tim & David at CTU choosing books  
(see highlight)*

- Pray that if this is the path that God has for us, that He would continue to reaffirm us in it and help us to overcome all of the major obstacles before us.
- Pray for a shared vision among all of the ministry leaders who will have a stake in this partnership (Rwandese and expatriate).
- Pray that amidst all of the discussions and plans for a joint effort the vision for a distinctly transformative methodology would not be lost.

#### HOME ASSIGNMENT UPDATE

We are continuing to visit churches around the country. It is exciting to share with people about what God is doing in Rwanda. Though this is a depressed economy, we are seeing the Lord provide for our support needs. But, there is still more to be done before we're ready to go back to Rwanda on July 5.

- We need an additional \$500 per month committed to our regular support.
- I (Tim) will be travelling to Websterville, VT, over the weekend of 3/14-3/15 to share with Websterville Baptist Church.

- I (Tim) will be sharing about NCM's ministry at Missio Dei in Chicago, IL, on 3/22 in conjunction with the church's Rwanda Theological Library Project.
- Jessica is hosting a tea tasting party with ladies from a neighboring church on Wednesday, March 11.
- Jessica will be sharing about life and ministry in Rwanda with students and parents of a large homeschooling group on Friday, March 13.
- We will be receiving our twenty foot container for shipping library books and supplies at the end of March.



*Tim and pastor friends from New Jersey*

### **FAMILY UPDATE**

The Brubaker family is doing well and continuing to enjoy the benefits of life in America. Thomas and Martin finished their first experience with swimming lessons. Thomas continues to love kindergarten. Cecilia loves having her choice of hundreds of cereals (she loves cereal). And, Jessica and I are enjoying learning French and keeping busy with kids and ministry projects. Last week, while I was in New Jersey, Jessica travelled with our three kids, a friend and her two dogs for about five hundred miles in a blizzard to the coast of Lake Superior for a weekend of fun with friends. Needless to say, our lives don't lack excitement!



*Brubaker kids with Chicago friends*

- With less than four months left before we return to Rwanda, we are coveting time to rest, but still feel the need to be making connections with new churches. Please pray for a healthy balance and for God's provision for our ministry support shortfall.
- Please pray for emotional and spiritual renewal during these final months.

### **FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHT**

"You can have whatever you want." For the last month, I (Tim) have been trekking down to Chicago's south side with David, a volunteer from a partner church, to select books at the Catholic Theological Union (CTU). CTU's head librarian contacted me in late January to invite us to look through their surplus books. With about ten thousand books enclosed in old dusty boxes, it required a bit of work to go through them one by one and pull out books that we thought would be helpful for NCM's degree level library. The excess books are held in CTU's large storage room one floor beneath their library – a room which contains all sorts of library supplies. David and I both wondered what would become of the other supplies. Though I felt awkward asking the question, David didn't and matter-of-factly asked if there were other supplies in the room which they might consider donating to our cause, to which the librarian very graciously responded that she would appeal on our behalf to the vice president of the school for anything that we wanted! CTU has now donated almost 2,000 books (which we hand-selected), white boards, filing cabinets, book carts and library shelving sufficient for almost 10,000 volumes.

We are marveling at the doors the Lord is opening before us.

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