

May 2004

DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS,

Thank you for your partnership in prayer during the month of April. Though it was a busy month, we are seeing the benefits of your praying. Please continue to let us know how we can pray for you. It's our privilege to do this.

NOTES OF PRAISE:

- 1) We had safe and sound journeys during this busy month. From Chicago to Connecticut to Seattle, Thomas slept most of the time, and we had uneventful flights. This is a huge relief to a pregnant mom on overcrowded planes.
- 2) Our meetings with Faith Baptist Church, in Manchester, CT, went very well. The church refreshed and encouraged us in many ways. And, we had many opportunities to rekindle and begin friendships with many people.
- 3) Our meeting with the missions committee at Grace Community Church, in Auburn, WA, also went great. We were surprised by many of the common friendships and connections we had with members of the committee. And, we thank God that GCC is joining our team to serve the church in Rwanda!
- 4) We are unofficially at 88% of our needed monthly support.

ITEMS FOR PRAYER:

- 1) Please continue to pray for the safe delivery of our second son. He is due to arrive on May 23. Jessica has had a "text-book" pregnancy so far. We will let you know when he arrives!
- 2) Please continue to pray for a smooth transition out of formal youth ministry at the end of June. As you might suspect, this is a bitter-sweet experience. The church celebrates with us, as we pursue God's call to Rwanda. But, we will miss this family, with whom we've had seven significant years of memories.
- 3) Please continue to pray for God's leading as we seek additional partnerships with churches and individuals to complete our team to serve in Rwanda. We are still anticipating a late-November or early-December departure date.

DEPUTATION HIGHLIGHT:

One of our joys during this phase of ministry is making new friends across the country. In March, as we were returning from our trip to Portland, Maine, we met a delightful couple in the baggage claim at O'Hare airport. Starting over small-talk about Thomas (he's always the starting point), our conversation shifted to spiritual things. Before we knew it, we were praying with these new friends who (coincidentally) attend a church in Vermont affiliated with our mission board. We wrote this experience into our journal of blessings along the way. In April, the missions committee at Grace Community Church, in Auburn, WA, asked us about some of the interesting experiences we've had during this deputation-journey. So, we told them about this couple, and others like them (yes, there have been others). Through the chain of conversation, it turned out that the missions pastor at GCC had planted the church in Vermont with the couple that we had met at the airport in Chicago. For us, this was one more confirmation of the Lord's great providence as we walk down this 'Road to Rwanda.'

May 2004

Grateful for Your Partnership in Prayer,

Tim, Jessica, Thomas & Baby #2

Our permanent email address is TimAndJessica@world.cbi.org.