



Tim & Jessica Brubaker

Prayer Update - May 2007

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

DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS

All around us are situations that require sensitivity, perception, patience, and cultural understanding. For example: In recent weeks we've seen pastors both put into prison and let out of prison based on crimes they have been accused of committing during the genocide; Daily we interact with neighbors and friends who ask us for money to buy food or pay for their kids' school fees; Moment by moment throughout the day we are expected to meaningfully interact with others in Kinyarwanda. Considering these things and many more, it is needless to say that we are sustained by your prayers. Thank you.

Please continue to check our website (www.ncmrwanda.org/brubaker) for updated photo galleries and newsletters.

NOTES OF PRAISE

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATORS' CONFERENCE: Tim had a great trip to the Middle East. Our mission board held a week long conference for theological educators. After the conference, the mission sponsored a week long tour of Israel. It was an awesome experience for Tim and will certainly enhance his ability to teach Scripture with clarity. We are thankful for a mission board that invests in the professional development of its missionaries.

FAMILY SAFETY: While Tim was out of town for two weeks, Jessica and the children remained in Kigali. We are thankful that they were safe and had no major problems.



PASTORAL TRAINING SCHOOL: The pastoral training session spanning from April 16 to May 4 went well.

ITEMS FOR PRAYER

PASTORAL TRAINING SCHOOL: The second year Pastoral Training School students arrive next week for another three week module. Tim will be teaching Acts, Galatians and Romans. Katabirora will be teaching another session of church history. Please pray for them as they finish preparation and interact with the students over the next three weeks.



MORE ITEMS FOR PRAYER

KIDS' SCHOOLING: Please continue to pray for the appropriate door to open for Thomas's and Martin's schooling in the States during our furlough in 2008-2009.

COLLEGE LEVEL PROGRAM: Please continue to pray about our vision for starting a university level Bible school here in Kigali. There are some significant decisions that need to be made within the next few months about possible cooperation with another school. All of these issues require an immense amount of wisdom and discernment. Please pray for our team as we continue to plan and strategize in this way.

APRIL HIGHLIGHT

Theological education, the Mount of Olives, and the future of Israel... What do all of these things have in common? They are themes which represent key experiences during my (Tim) trip to Jordan and Israel last month. *Why theological education?* That was the reason why I went to the conference – to sharpen my own understanding and vision for ministry in Rwanda. And, indeed, it was sharpening. I felt like the conference was tailor-made to suit the ministry and development of MNC. *Why the Mount of Olives?* There are many exciting things to see in Israel. But, in just about every place of historical significance there is built a nauseating cathedral. Yet, on the other hand, it was an overwhelming experience to stand on the Mount of Olives, look across the Kidron Valley, toward the location of the Temple and visualize the stories of Scripture that had been played out in those places. *Why the future of Israel?* It is hard to spend too much time in the Holy Land with a bunch of Bible teachers without discussing the nature of God's promises and work within history. Though we talked about many issues, it was invigorating to stay up late into the night reflecting on Scripture, archaeology and theology with a bunch of like-minded people.



*Tim (right) and his two roommates after loading up with Dead Sea Mud
Randy (middle, from Philippines) and Rick (left, from Singapore)*

Tim, Jessica, Thomas, Martin & Cecilia

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