



BRUBAKERS PRAYER UPDATE

NEW CREATION MINISTRIES – KIGALI, RWANDA

MAY 2009

DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS –

We had forgotten how beautiful springtime can be. Flowers, new leaves, green grass and gradually warming sunshine – it has been fun to explain some of these phenomena to our kids – realities which they don't experience in Rwanda. Actually, over the last week, there have been a few times when I (Tim) have made wrong turns and forgotten where I was because I was distracted by the beauty! Thanks for praying for us and our ministry.

DEGREE LEVEL BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATE –

Last month NCM's leadership (national and expatriate) met with leaders from another organization to talk about the possibility of working together to create a new Bible school which would capitalize on our collective knowledge, resources and connections. These were very important conversations as the outcome directly impacts the future of our work in Rwanda. During the conversations, a few important concerns resurfaced which we are now discussing. Our conversations will continue over the next few weeks via Skype.

In particular, if it is God's will that our organizations work together in this effort, please pray that He would lead us to a paradigm which would be healthy and viable for all the people and ministries involved.

HOME ASSIGNMENT UPDATE –

Earlier this month we said goodbye to our twenty-foot shipping container stuffed full of ministry supplies. We are amazed at how the Lord has provided – almost 15,000 hand-sorted books, shelving for 10,000 volumes, computers and many other resources. Interestingly, this library project seems to have touched humanitarian sensitivities in many different people, including those who were only mildly involved in the process. For example (this is one of many similar episodes), after our container was loaded by crane onto the chassis which carried it to port, the crane operator (moved by the significance of the project) came up and gave me (Tim) a hug! (Those of you who know crane operators will understand that this is not common.)



We are 100% supported! New commitments, increased commitments and a partnership with a new church have all completed our support requirements to go back to Rwanda in early July. We're thankful for the partnership that we now have with The Chapel at Warren Valley in Washington, NJ. Thanks to all of you who faithfully support our ministry!

During the next month, please pray for the following things:

- (1) I (Tim) am currently in Littleton, Colorado for meetings with our mission agency (WorldVenture). Please pray for productive meetings and that the various departments within our mission would all experience unified purpose and vision for the future. Over the next week, the board of directors, stateside leaders and various missionary representatives from around the world will be exchanging ideas.
- (2) Please pray for times of refreshment and renewal during the next seven weeks, as we prepare to go back to Rwanda on July 5.

FAMILY UPDATE –

Two weeks ago, Jessica planned a mystery get-away for the two of us to Door County, Wisconsin. With three small children, it's unusual for us to have prolonged time apart from them. Living in Rwanda makes it even less likely. But, we had a tremendous time together, including good food, bike riding, games, all in a beautiful environment. Once we arrived in Door County, the innkeeper told us that there was a half marathon that weekend. So, we even took the plunge and spontaneously ran in the race.



Other family highlights: Thomas finishes kindergarten this month. Martin turns five in a few weeks. We celebrate eleven years of marriage. And, Jessica's parents will arrive for weeklong visit at the end of May.

As you think of our family, please pray for the following things:

- (1) Jessica has been experiencing some serious stomach sickness off and on for a few months. Please pray for conclusive results and advice from the doctor as soon as possible.
- (2) We have had a challenging time getting Thomas situated for school next fall. Because of the new laws in Rwanda regarding education in English, the French-speaking schools have waiting lists. And, the two English-speaking schools that we would consider also are in high demand. These are big issues which feel like they are beyond our control. So, please pray that the right door for Thomas will open and that the other doors (though good) will be firmly closed.

APRIL HIGHLIGHT –

We are overwhelmed with how gracious our sending-church has been to us. For the last month, friends at Skokie Valley Baptist Church have been bringing all kinds of supplies to pack into our container – canned food, sheets, children's books, lamps, rugs, clothes, even an eighty gallon solar hot water heater – all in an effort to show their solidarity with us in ministry. At one point, we were really concerned that we'd be able to fit it all into the container. We are humbled by their love and generosity.

Thanks for Praying,

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