



# Tim & Jessica Brubaker

## Prayer Update - November 2006

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

### DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS

Are you waiting for the big news about our baby girl? So are we! In the meantime, let us share with you an update of things for which we thank the Lord and others for which we ask your prayers.

### NOTES OF PRAISE

**Sickness:** Thomas, Martin and Tim have all wrestled with illness throughout the month of October. Though Tim is still sick (with a painful ear-infection), we thank the Lord that Jessica remains very healthy during her pregnancy.

**Tim's Teaching:** Tim's teaching on the book of Galatians at our church in Kigali went well, though not without excitement (see story below).

**New Teammate:** We have a new teammate (Audrey Sorensen) who recently arrived to work with children's ministry at MNC. Audrey is Jessica's cousin. We are thankful that she quickly obtained her long-term visa, found a Kinyarwanda language helper, and has suitable temporary housing. She has been a fun addition to the team.



*Jessica on Wednesday, November 8—patiently waiting!*

### ITEMS FOR PRAYER



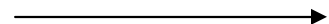
*You think your job is rough? Try being a door-to-door bra salesman!*

*(Tim had to buy one to get the photo.)*

**Fundraising:** We have started to raise funds for the next phase of construction at MNC. We are excited about the next phase as the construction of rental homes will potentially provide fifty percent of MNC's current operating budget. Please pray with us that the Lord directs us to the right people and churches.

**Pregnancy:** Please continue to pray for Jessica as she patiently waits to give birth. Pray that the logistics (healthy family, doctor being in town, etc...) will all neatly fall into place. And, pray for Tim to recover quickly from his PAINFUL ear infection.

**Teaching Preparation:** Please pray for Tim as he spends large amounts of time focusing on lesson preparation for next year. As Gary and Laurie Scheer leave for home-assignment in the States in early January, Tim will assume responsibilities of directing MNC and teaching full-time.



## MORE ITEMS FOR PRAYER

**Preaching:** Tim will be preaching on December 4, at a church in downtown Kigali called Inkuru Nziza (Good News). Please pray for sufficient wisdom and insight in preparing this sermon.

## AUGUST HIGHLIGHT

### “That missionary is demon possessed!”

That’s a pretty stiff accusation. But, it is the label that Tim got after preaching the first sermon in a four week series on Galatians at our church in Kigali. What was the topic that was so evil? Tim taught that salvation is a gift merited by faith alone only through the grace of God. Each one of the four lessons touched a sensitive nerve. The other three weeks focused on the freedom we have in Christ, what it means to live by the Spirit, and how to defend the truth of the Gospel. Many Rwandese Christians assume that the Christian life is a life of submission to Christian rules – like giving ten percent, church attendance, wearing certain clothes, not drinking certain drinks, and having a certain vocabulary. A person who obeys these rules is considered a Christian. But, yet, the primary fruit of loving each other is often overlooked and lacking.

Not all the feedback Tim received was so inflammatory. One man named Charles said, “I’ve always assumed that there are things that I *must* do to be a Christian. Now I’m beginning to realize that there are things that I *choose* to do differently because I love the Lord and because I love other Christians.” Another man said, “Tim, I agree with everything you’ve said. But, the problem is that Rwandese love rules. Rules help them to know definitively if they are *in* or *out*. But, love? That’s completely different. Rwandese don’t love each other. They are scared of each other.” A woman named Beatrice (the pastor’s wife) approached Tim and emphasized over and over again, “Thank you. These lessons are important, and they are really helping us.”

Praise the Lord! What a privilege to help brothers and sisters grow in their understanding of grace!

Thanks for Praying,

**Tim, Jessica, Thomas, Martin, “Daughter”**

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*Our new team member Audrey stands with a group of kids we bring to church every Sunday.*