

NEW CREATION MINISTRIES



BRUBAKERS PRAYER UPDATE—NOVEMBER 2009

DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS –

This afternoon I was visited by a pastor who will soon finish his fourth year in NCM's Pastoral Training School. He said, "I don't want you to think that I'm just saying these words: You need to know that NCM has made a huge difference in my life and ministry. But, you also need to know that I am now faced with a big problem. I have come to realize that my ministry is just as much about my own transformation as it is the things I teach. Yet, there aren't many others who see it this way. I work with a lot of other pastors who don't understand that. And, that is a huge challenge for me."

New Creation Ministries is making a difference in the lives of people and churches. THANKS for praying for this ministry.

KATABIRORA'S TRIAL –

There are no new developments. Though a few months ago the government seemed to be moving toward a retrial, we have no indication that it will actually happen.

PASTORAL TRAINING SCHOOL –

Please pray for the needs within NCM's Pastoral Training School.

- This week (November 3-6) we have about fifteen pastors' wives in town for a four day session to provide them with basic skills and knowledge. This week they are studying the Bible, Lesson Preparation and Women's Health.
- Next week our fourth year students will return to finish their final term of study. This will be the end of a long journey for them. They will be studying Missions, Counseling and Modernization with the Church. (Tim will teach Missions.)
- As we mentioned in previous correspondence, Jean Baptiste is planning to move to part-time involvement with NCM beginning in January. In January, we are expecting another fifty pastors to begin studying. So, please pray for provision of more teachers and wisdom to know how to fill in gaps in the meantime.



Bujagali Falls is just north of Lake Victoria, the source of the Nile River. People come from all over the world to raft this section of the Nile.

DEGREE LEVEL BIBLE SCHOOL –

At this point in the process, it is hard to imagine that within a little over a year all the pieces will be in place to welcome our first class of students. There is a lot to be done! Though the Lord regularly reminds us that it is by His power and work that things move ahead, it still feels like a heavy load to carry. We appreciate your prayers for the development of this new school.

- Pray for God to lead us to the right teachers. We are currently in dialogue with two men who are interested in teaching with us – one from Burundi (living in San Francisco), one from Rwanda (living in Kenya). Please pray for wisdom in discerning if these are the right people for us and that God would provide the resources to be able to hire them even before the school starts drawing money from student tuition.
- Pray for the building plans that are ahead of us. The Lord has led us to an architect who is excited about this



project. But, plans aren't enough! We still need considerable funding. Raising funds to build a facility for training church leaders can be very difficult, as it doesn't have the emotional appeal of other projects in Africa.

- Pray for God to bring to us a missionary or missionary couple who will eventually assume responsibility for our English teaching ministry (ESL). As soon as possible, we would like to see this ministry develop a strategic plan of its own.
- Continue to pray for the appointment of the right people to the board of directors of this degree level school. At this point, we have finished talking with three individuals. We have others on our list and are hoping to have a team of 4-6 people who have accepted the responsibility by early January.

KINYARWANDA BIBLE PROJECT –

We are still waiting for permission from the United Bible Societies to reproduce the Kinyarwanda Bible within a non-proprietary database that can be used in free desktop applications. Please pray that this project would move ahead. (You can see more about the project with which we're working on the internet at www.crosswire.org.)

MASTERS DEGREE TRAINING –

We have begun conversations with one particular Bible College in the United States about forging a partnership which would allow Rwandan church leaders the opportunity to study at the Masters Degree level in Rwanda and, thus, have the credentials to reinvest their education in theological education in Rwanda. This is an awesome vision which is still in its infancy. Please pray for the school (intentionally unnamed) and for NCM as we all consider what this partnership can realistically look like.

OUR FAMILY –

Last month our family spent about ten days sick with a nasty case of the flu. Thankfully everyone is healthy again, though Thomas missed over two weeks of school. Our trip to Uganda for East Africa Leaders' Meetings went well. Over the next few months, we will need to reconsider schooling options for Thomas and Martin for next year. Though we love the home school co-op where Thomas is currently studying, we have been presented with another option (a larger, more institution-type missionary kid school near NCM) in which we have a limited time to register our kids, if that's what we want.

LAST MONTH'S HIGHLIGHT –

"Look, there's an otter swimming down the river. I'm going to chase it and watch it come up on land!" And, so, Jessica took off down the banks of the Nile River, running in her near-broken flip-flops, trying to catch up with the otter so that she could get a good glimpse of it. Wow, did she stop quickly when she saw that it was actually a cobra! No, that wasn't the highlight. But, it's definitely a story that we'll remember from the short weekend get-away we had with our children at a guest house in Jinja, Uganda, along the banks of the Nile River. It was great to sleep to the soft drum of distant rapids, play games with our kids, read books and explore. Thomas got to celebrate his seventh birthday by going four-wheeling on an ATV along the Nile River – pretty cool experience, huh?

Thanks for Praying,

TIM, JESSICA, THOMAS, MARTIN & CECILIA



Thomas turned seven years old on October 15. We celebrated his birthday by going to Uganda a few days in advance of our scheduled meetings and staying in a Christian guest house by the Nile River.

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