

NEW CREATION MINISTRIES



BRUBAKERS PRAYER UPDATE—NOVEMBER 2010

DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS –

Thanks for remembering us in prayer. Many of you send notes to tell us that you pray and think of us. Thanks! It's a huge privilege to share with you the things God is doing in Rwanda. These days are very, very full. But, even with the busyness, we are finding that they are satisfying as we see the hand of God in the things before us.

Here are a few updates and things to be praying about over the next month:

PASTORAL TRAINING SCHOOL:

We are currently together with almost forty pastors studying “Spiritual Warfare” and “Introduction to the Bible.” Please pray for a good season of growth and discipleship for these men and for good ministry as they return to their churches at the end of this week. On November 29, we will be welcoming our third year students who will study “The Christian Family” and “New Testament Letters.”

KENYA TRIP:

We had a great time to be together as a family on the coast of Kenya, soaking up the sun along the Indian Ocean. Our meetings went well. But, the highlight was most certainly the sandcastle building and swimming in the pool!



OUR NEIGHBOR:

Please be praying for a young man named Rukundo John with whom we have become good friends over the last six years. (Our home church in Chicago actually sponsored this young man's school expenses throughout high school with the church's AWANA giving.) John went to India a few weeks ago to study at a university. Shortly after arriving, he was rushed to a hospital where he found out that he has a problem with his heart. Doctors are planning to give him a pacemaker, which is a very significant thing for a twenty year old boy from



an impoverished background. Please pray for provision of finances, as well as for wisdom for the doctors to take into consideration the future challenges which John will be facing as a result of this surgery.

DEGREE LEVEL BIBLE SCHOOL:

We are at a critical step of putting together terms of agreement to bring together three different Bible school projects in order to create a new, independent, quality school. Please pray for wisdom and discernment for all who are involved in these conversations especially over the next few weeks as much will be finalized and presented to potential constituent partners. (See highlight below.)

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHT:

This is one of those projects that feels larger than one could possibly handle. Many of you know that for the last three years I (Tim) have been using my “extra hours” to plan for a degree level school to train Christian leaders. Though we have had many conversations about partnership with other projects, it seems like conversations have always failed for one reason or another. The reality is that there is a huge need for a higher level of training for church leaders. But, until now, projects for training leaders at the higher levels originate and remain the burden of small organizations with links to Western funds. A few individuals do work of questionable quality, never really achieving the dire need for good quality higher education among Rwandan church leaders. And, so over the last nine months, while continuing to develop NCM’s methodology for a degree level program (what we’ve called CLIR in past correspondence), I have also been actively engaged in a conversation which endeavors to bring an end to the mediocrity perpetuated by the multiplicity of small start-up schools with very little collaboration.

My friend Bruce (AIM missionary from the UK) and I are venturing to merge three different Bible college projects (including CLIR) into one autonomous school, bringing together three different organizations, all of which have had their own ambitions of establishing schools but have been wearied by the demands. RWANDA NEEDS THIS. First, no school like this exists in the country. (There are smaller school projects. But, to date, there is nothing that has the quality of a school that Rwanda needs and which would be commonplace elsewhere in the world.) Second, in a fragmented, territorial church culture, bringing together similar projects like these speaks loudly about the importance of unity in the Body of Christ. (One Rwandan church leader came to my office just to encourage me in this project, telling me that the younger generation of church leaders needs to see people modeling unity and working together. His words: “Tim, we need this!” Another man, a very well respected leader with influence in church and government, told me last week: “It’s things like these that show me that God has something incredible in store for our nation.”)

But, this project, while significant and potentially unprecedented in impact also brings along with it major headaches! Dozens of people represent hundreds of ideas about how this merger should be done. Minds change. I have stacks and stacks of papers, meeting minutes and drafts of documents. Fear and suspicion lace relationships even among the most trustworthy colleagues in Christian ministry. Words of encouragement are fewer than words of criticism. But, how deeply and more significantly satisfying it is to be encouraged by the Lord in prayer and His Word and to know that we are invested in something that is bigger than us.

Thanks for your prayers,

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