

October 2004

DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS -

Thanks for your prayers over the last month. Your faithfulness in this ministry even during the monotony of deputation is such a blessing to us.

NOTES OF PRAISE:

- Thank you for praying for us during our many miles of traveling last month. We were able to make significant connections with many churches, friends, supporters, & relatives.

- Thank you for praying for us during our time of linguistic training in Colorado Springs. Our boys did remarkably well in child-care. And, despite a rather vast outbreak of the flu, our family remained healthy.

- God has provided approximately 98% of our needed monthly support!

ITEMS FOR PRAYER:

- Lord willing, our container will leave the backyard of our home-church on Monday, October 11. Please pray for wisdom in final packing. And, please pray that everything arrives intact and in good time (we've heard many crazy stories).

- Our travels continue this month. October 14-17 we will be in Portland, Maine, for a missions conference. October 20-22 we will be with LeMars Bible Church, in Iowa, sharing our plans for ministry. Pray for effective communication and safe travel.

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHT:

Other than finally getting home after six weeks on the road, last month's highlight was definitely our time at MTI (Missions Training International) in linguistic training. We spent our days learning how to hear and make sounds beyond what is natural for native English speakers. As you probably know, our first responsibility after arriving in Rwanda is learning Kinyarwanda. This has always seemed like a daunting task. But, we feel much more confident after our training at MTI. The overwhelming task seems much more approachable. Our teachers drilled it into us: "Your mind is bigger than you think!"

Thanks for Praying,

TIM, JESSICA, THOMAS & MARTIN