



Tim & Jessica Brubaker

Prayer Update - October 2007

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

DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS

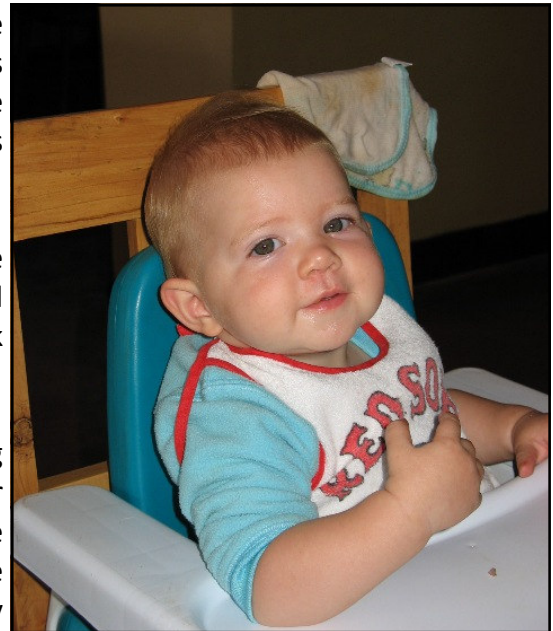
The dust seems to be settling after a whirlwind of months filled with unanticipated surprises! Indeed, in more ways than one, the dust is settling, as the past few weeks have been filled with heavy rains and even hail after the long Rwanda dry season. Thanks for your faithful prayers on behalf of the issues that we bring before you. Please don't forget to check our website for updated information and photos (www.ncmrwanda.org/brubaker).

NOTES OF PRAISE

PASTOR JOSEPH – We are still “riding high” after the favorable verdict in Joseph’s trial. Though the charges were malicious and intended to make him suffer, the testimony of the witnesses showed not only his innocence, but also his remarkable character!

THOMAS AND MARTIN – Both of our boys are in school and are doing well. Martin seems to be really enjoying the social interaction, and Thomas is increasing in his ability to speak French.

KATABIRORA’S FAMILY – We are almost at the end of a long season of trying to prepare Virginia for the next stage of her life. Many have given generous donations to help her purchase a piece of land. Hopefully everything will be finished by the end of this week! Please pray that everything finishes smoothly and quickly.



Cecilia is ready for post-season baseball!

ITEMS FOR PRAYER

MNC TEACHING STAFF – There are two men who are being considered to fill full-time teacher/trainer positions at MNC. One is Jean Baptiste, whom we’ve previously mentioned in these updates. Please pray that God would prepare their hearts to work with us and to make it clear to all of us that these are the men He has prepared for us.

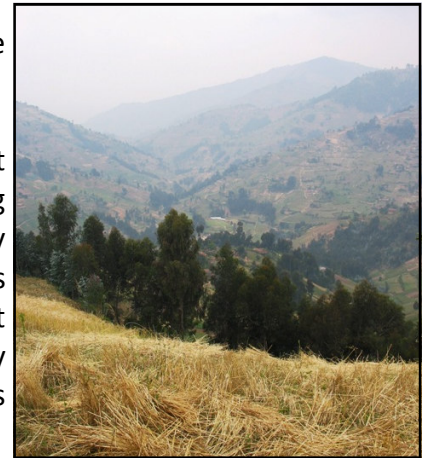
TRAVELS – On Saturday, October 20, Tim will be travelling to southwest Rwanda to meet with church leaders who work with two of MNC’s pastoral students. Pray for strength, safety and good ministry. Monday, October 29 through Thursday, November 1, he will be travelling to northeast Rwanda for field-leader meetings with our mission board. Please pray for good meetings and safety. During all of these



MORE ITEMS FOR PRAYER

travels, we appreciate your prayers for Jessica as she is at home alone with our three young kids.

CONFLICT IN CONGO – In recent months there has been increased conflict in the western provinces of Congo, specifically in the area bordering northeastern Rwanda and southeastern Uganda. The conflict is primarily between tribal groups that have a very close affinity with the tribal groups in Rwanda. War in Congo (which is entirely possible) could have difficult repercussions in Rwanda (increased numbers of refugees or even military conflict). Please pray for peace and the protection of innocent lives, as many are needlessly suffering in Congo.



View from the LONG trail leading to a student's church, where we visited last month.

IS SATAN REALLY BAD??

Many times in MNC's Pastoral Training School it is obvious that the things we are teaching are confronting deep-rooted superstition, demonic strongholds and false teaching. Over the last two weeks, I (Tim) have been teaching a class on Bible Study Methods. One principle of accurate Bible interpretation that I taught says: "We must measure other knowledge about God by comparing it to the truth of



Kids from the village where one of our student's church is located.

Scripture." I had underestimated how powerful the principle would be in this culture. I asked the students for illustrations of the principle, for examples of prevalent beliefs about spiritual realities which are contrary to Scripture. The students proceeded to tell me about a very famous evangelist in Rwanda who teaches about Hell. A few years ago, according to this evangelist, God permitted him to go to Hell and see how Satan works (projects, workers, plans, etc...). After a few days, God brought him back to Rwanda where he is currently teaching (mainly in Pentecostal churches) about Hell and Satan. When asked, "Is the Devil all bad?" he responds by saying, "He's not ALL bad. Actually there are some good things that he does!"

MNC is making a difference!

Thanks for praying,

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