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DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS,

We write this email to you from Auburn, Washington, a short distance southeast of Seattle. Thank you for your vital partnership with us in prayer. As we prepare for ministry in Rwanda, your thoughtfulness on our behalf in the presence of our Lord accomplishes great things. As always, please let us know how we can pray for you.

NOTES OF PRAISE:

- We're grateful for safe travels over the past three weeks. Flying with two lap-children can be a crazy experience. During our trip from Chicago to Alaska (seven hours on a plane), our kids did remarkably well. The Lord even provided two open seats beside us for the kids to sprawl out and go to sleep.

- We're thankful for the time to travel and make connections with supporters, friends, and relatives. The time we've spent on the road and in the air has afforded us great opportunities to rekindle the relationships that will be so important during our time in Rwanda.

- God has provided approximately 96% of our needed monthly support.

ITEMS FOR PRAYER:

- We have plane tickets! Our departure date is officially December 6, with arrival in Kigali on December 7. Please pray that we will thoroughly finish all of our preparations, with wisdom to think through even the small details. Pray that God would lead us to the last few financial supporters to complete the team. And, please continue to pray for grace as we say goodbye over and over again.

- Please pray for continued safety in travels. On Wednesday, September 8, we will be driving from Auburn, Washington to Portland, Oregon. On Friday, September 10, we will be driving from Portland, Oregon to Yakima, Washington then returning back to Auburn, Washington. On Sunday, September 12, we will have a booth set up at Grace Community Church to share our ministry with Grace Community Church in Auburn, WA. On Monday, September 13, we fly from Seattle to Colorado Springs for language acquisition training. Finally, we return to Chicago on Friday, September 24.

- Please pray that we will maximize the learning opportunities at our language acquisition training in Colorado Springs (September 13-24). Thomas and Martin will be with babysitters each day. Pray that they will adjust to the environment. And, pray for health, energy, and the ability to learn as we sit through intense sessions.

AUGUST HIGHLIGHT:

Our travels and visits with friends and supporters over the past month have reminded us how 'genuinely cool' our support team really is. We feel so privileged that our ministry in Rwanda brings together such a diversely talented and uniquely gifted group of people. Students and salesmen, pastors and pilots, teachers and computer technicians, engineers, lawyers, doctors, homemakers, musicians and even other missionaries. Thank you for your part in this team through your prayers.

Serving Him Together with Joy,

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