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Prayer Update - September 2006

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

DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS

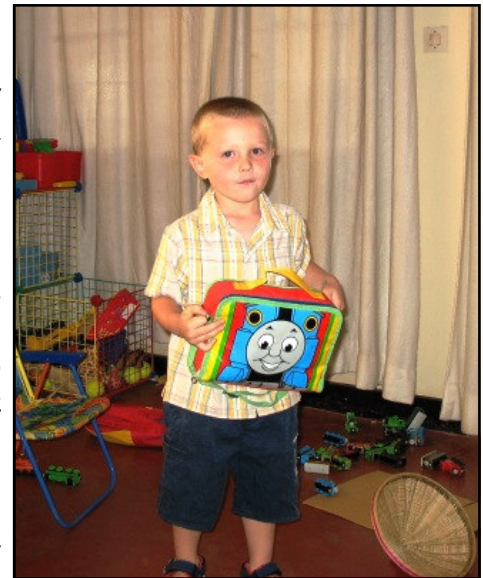
Thank you for your faithfulness in praying for us. We have no doubt that our ability to move ahead in ministry, and the success of our family in settling into Rwandan living is affected by the prayers of many people on our behalf.

NOTES OF PRAISE

Thomas's Schooling: Thomas's transition to school has been amazingly smooth. But, please keep praying that as the novelty of a new environment begins to wear off, he will continue to have a positive attitude about school. And, pray that he will begin hearing what is being communicated in French (see highlight below).

Pastoral Visits: Tim and Gary had a safe trip to Gitarama on August 26 to visit a pastoral student. Though they were delayed by missing bridges and bridges under construction, they had a productive visit and good time of fellowship with the student's church leaders.

Kumbya Committee: The Kumbya Conference executive committee meetings went well. So as not to disrupt people's schedules, we spent every spare moment in meetings (fourteen hours in one day). The government has asked us to develop Kumbya's land (one of the only remaining pieces of coastal forest along Lake Kivu). Otherwise there is a chance that the land could be taken away. We are interested in using an ecotourism model so as to preserve the natural beauty of the land. But, we are asking the Lord to lead us to the right connections, as this is not the primary work or specialty of anyone on our committee.



Thomas on his first day of school.

ITEMS FOR PRAYER



Bridge which was built while we waited!

Pastoral Visits: Tuesday, September 12, through Friday, September 15, Tim will be in Uganda meeting with the church leaders of some of MNC's pastoral students. He will be sleeping in pastors' homes and sharing with churches (in Kinyarwanda) about MNC's ministry. Please pray for safety and energy.

Jessica's Pregnancy: Jessica's pregnancy continues to go smoothly. She is due in the early part of November. Please pray for good health and satisfying rest for her during these final weeks. On Monday, September 18, she will have an



MORE ITEMS FOR PRAYER

ultrasound to confirm that it will be safe to deliver at home.

Lesson Preparation: Please continue to pray for wisdom and cultural sensitivity for Tim as he prepares curriculum materials for MNC classes and seminars. He is also preparing to preach a four week series on Galatians at our church beginning October 1.

Grieving Friends: Please continue to pray for John and Courtney (our friends with Compassion International) as they grieve the loss of their child. Our understanding is that they are in the USA for a few weeks and will return to Kigali soon.

AUGUST HIGHLIGHT

Five days and not one tear! When we tried to bring Thomas to a VBS program (in English) this summer, he cried and cried. We were a bit nervous to write this prayer update, realizing that the chain of tearless days could be broken at any time. But, we thank the Lord for a smooth transition for Thomas to the French speaking preschool. His enthusiasm is so great that he frequently runs off to play with the other kids, forgetting to say goodbye to his parents. Why has the transition been so smooth? We're convinced that it is because of the prayers of so many people. The first teacher Thomas met on his first day was a young Rwandan lady named Jackie (the same name of a Rwandan gal who helps us around our home). When Thomas heard her name, he took her hand, walked off, and never looked back.

Thanks for Praying,

Tim, Jessica, Thomas, Martin, “?,”

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Martin enjoying the ride on the back of dad's bike.