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DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS –

After a month of being in the States, we have driven about four thousand miles, slept in at least six different places, and seen hundreds of new faces. Needless to say, this has been an adventure for all of us! Thank you for praying. (Please note our new contact information in the footer of this message.)

NOTES OF PRAISE –

- **WorldVenture Debriefing:** In late August, we spent a week with our missions agency (WorldVenture) talking about the last four years and processing our experiences with other missionaries. It was a VERY helpful time for us. Additionally, our kids were prodded and poked, as we all caught up on medical tests and vaccinations missed over the last four years.
- **Family Visits:** Considering the fact that we've only been in the USA for about a month, it is somewhat remarkable that we've been able to see everyone in our immediate family. Though spread from Philadelphia to Denver, we're glad to have had significant time with each of our families, especially since Jessica's sister left for South Korea last week. And, Jessica's brother-in-law left for Iraq shortly after we were with him. Tim's father even packed snow balls into his freezer for the reunion with our boys.
- **NCM's Library Project:** We are thanking the Lord for a great team of four people from a partner church in Chicago who have ambitiously tackled stocking NCM's theological library. They have initiative and endurance, and we're excited that they are a part of the NCM team. On September 25, we will be meeting with an organization in Grand Rapids to talk about shipping a few thousand books to Rwanda.
- **Christian Leadership Institute:** Our plans for a degree level Bible college have surged forward as we recently asked a Kenyan man named Peter to come and join us, eventually to become the school's first academic dean. Peter has thirty years of education experience, including teaching and directing a theological school. But, pray for provision to subsidize his salary during the period of preparation before the school begins.

ITEMS FOR PRAYER –

- **Home Assignment Ministry:** During the month of September, we are primarily visiting with friends and supporters of NCM in the Chicago area. Please pray for good times of connection and conversation. Our longest trip this month is to Grand Rapids to visit with a ministry that provides books for libraries in the third world.
- **Fundraising and Recruiting:** As we interact with friends and churches, please pray that God would lead us to people, churches and organizations interested in supporting and working with NCM. Specifically we are looking for a few people to teach English as a second language (ESL trained), Bible school teachers (anyone from seminary graduates to retired pastors), and financial partners to help us build suitable facilities for NCM's growing ministries.
- **French Language Study:** Jessica has begun taking courses at the Alliance Française in downtown Chicago. Please pray for physical and mental strength to learn another language even during this busy month of trying to settle into the States.
- **Transitional Stress:** We have been completely blindsided by the stress of re-adapting to our first culture. There are many things to which we are trying to adjust, such as setting up a home, finding suitable times and places to refresh alone as a family, establishing a routine (seems impossible), scheduling visits, preparing to teach the boys at home this fall, etc... Please pray for grace, peace and wisdom.

AUGUST HIGHLIGHT –

Trains, planes and automobiles... It has been fun for us to watch our children react to the startling differences between daily life in Rwanda and in the United States. In Chicago, we live close to one of the busiest airports in the world. So, our children constantly call out: "Look at the airplane." And, it's not just planes! Subways, commuter trains, sports cars, convertibles, large gas-guzzling SUVs, motorcycles, and car-transporting semis. Everything dazzles in their eyes. So far what are their favorite things about America? Here is a short list: Sunday School in English; Thai food; The toy aisle at Walmart; All the local parks where they can play without kids touching their hair; The public library (we checked out over thirty books on the first visit).

Thanks for praying for our family during this transition!

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