



BRUBAKERS PRAYER UPDATE—SEPTEMBER 2009

DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS –

These are busy days both at home and within New Creation Ministries. THANKS for your sustaining prayers. We appreciate the notes that so many people have sent over the last month, particularly concerning Katabirora's trial.

KATABIRORA'S TRIAL –

Unfortunately, after delaying for many weeks, the tribunal judges declared Katabirora to be guilty, sentencing him to fifteen years in prison (in addition to the two he's already served). There were some huge concerns that we saw within the trial (lack of witnesses, new charges which hadn't come up in previous hearings, intimidation, and an obvious controlling presence from a few dubious people). After the trial, a colleague addressed these concerns with the national director of the genocide tribunals. Thankfully, she consented to work toward a retrial of Katabirora's case. Please don't grow weary in praying for this situation.

PASTORAL TRAINING SCHOOL (PTS) –

A group of fourth year pastors left today, after three weeks of studies. They have one term left before they graduate in December. Please pray for the following needs within the PTS:

- Another class (second year guys) will study from September 28 to October 16.
- Jean Baptiste has told us that he wants to begin teaching part-time, starting in January 2010. Though he is committed to teaching with us, he wants the freedom to further develop his church planting ministry. Please pray that the Lord would provide another full-time staff person for this ministry.



Fourth year pastors will finish their studies in NCM's Pastoral Training School with a graduation ceremony in December.

DEGREE LEVEL BIBLE SCHOOL –

There are many, many tasks related to the development of this new level of education. Last month, we were able to make a connection with Moody Bible Institute (Chicago). Hopefully, NCM will become an internship site for their TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language) students. This could begin as early as next Spring with two interns. There is a lot to pray for:

- I (Tim) have been in and out of the Ministry of Education offices, trying to clarify what are the expectations for higher level schools in Rwanda. Please pray that the Ministry will give us the information that we need and embrace the paradigm for education that we are proposing.
- We need qualified African teachers. In the last week, we have begun correspondence with a Burundian friend of Jean Baptiste who is finishing an MDiv in California. Please pray for discernment in the conversation. And, pray that the Lord would give us clarity regarding who He has for us.

WORLDVENTURE RWANDA –

Please pray for Dan and Rachel Janzen, as they travel to Rwanda this month for a three week trip to see what NCM does and to more fully understand what will be necessary in preparation to return long term. Dan and Rachel (and their sons Alex and Drew) have been appointed by WorldVenture as new missionaries to Rwanda.



PERSONNEL NEEDS –

There are many, many roles that we need to fill within NCM, especially as the degree program gets ready to launch in January 2011. Some are Stateside opportunities for involvement. Others involve living in Rwanda. Please pray that the Lord will lead us to the right people to fill the following roles:

- **English Teachers** – Ideally, we'd like to have someone in Rwanda as early as April 2010, ready to begin teaching a six month ESL course in July 2010. We need people who will commit to periods of time between a few months and a few years.
- **Architect** – As soon as possible, we need to prepare architectural drawings for the next stages of construction on NCM's facilities. This is the kind of task that could be done without coming to Rwanda, as we have already worked with a team of engineers to draw up preliminary drawings.
- **Logo Designer** – As we prepare to publicize NCM's degree level school in a few months, we would like to have a sharp logo which we can use for the school.
- **Website Designer** – We want to have a simple informational site for the degree level school that can easily be updated and used as a resource for Rwandan students.
- **Financial Givers** – Our ministry is expanding but our buildings haven't! We need people who feel led by the Lord to give sacrificially to the construction of facilities here at NCM. The buildings that we currently have are maxed out.
- **Fundraiser** – We need a person who can speak for NCM in the States and help raise operating funds for the ministry without ever moving permanently to Rwanda.
- **Children's Ministry Trainer** – We need someone who can come and build on the foundation that is currently being laid within our Children's Ministry Department, specifically training church leaders about effective ministry ideas for discipling young people.
- **Teachers/Disciplers** – We need more people to come out and do what we're doing – long term people committed to teaching and training church leaders.



Cecilia is playing the good Rwandan hostess by pouring water on Ndagije's hands while he cleans them. Ndagije has been helping us fix up our house by painting and doing some minor repairs.

KINYARWANDA BIBLE PROJECT –

I (Tim) have a meeting next week with the United Bible Societies to talk about producing a digital version of the Kinyarwanda Bible for use in a non-commercial free distribution. This would be (as far as we know) the first project of its kind with incredible benefit for the church, as it will be produced to be used within a normal (and free) computer application. Please pray that everything goes smoothly and the door is opened.

LAST MONTH'S HIGHLIGHT –

The African Jungle Christian School... Cool name, huh? That's where Thomas goes to school, starting earlier this week. The school is a joint effort of families who are committed to home-schooling methodology. Two teachers named Molly and Liz have come out from the USA to teach in the school. Their love for the Lord is clear and obvious. And, it has been a huge blessing to see how much Thomas is enjoying the experience.

Thanks for Praying,

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