

# Scheer's November Update – 2003

Dear Friends,

## PEOPLE WE KNOW:

Elijah and Celine Kanamugire -- Elijah graduated from our Lay Training Institute last year. Years ago he was a policeman and an alcoholic. He nearly fried his brain with a local make of hi-proof whisky he used to drink. He and Celine separated for a number of years. During that time he came to commit his life to Jesus Christ, for Jesus to be his lord and savior. He was delivered from his alcoholism. Meanwhile, Celine, also committed her life to Jesus Christ. They reunited after years of living apart, and recommitted their lives to each other. They have a good stable marriage, 5 children, good jobs, and very warm loving hearts. The difference Jesus can make!

## GOOD HAPPENINGS OF PRAISE:

- 1) This was a month of successful finishings. We finished the final term of the Pastoral Training Program. All eighteen students will move on into their 3rd year of studies. We finished the final term of the Lay Training Institute. And for these eight lay-students it was final as in graduation time -- which was a great day of celebration on November 1. The 250 that attended heard a great message and heard one of the best choirs in Kigali. Laurie headed up the food service at the reception following.
- 2) Andy is doing well at Stanford -- good roommate and dorm. He's found fellowship with the Intervarsity group on campus. Some of them even go to church at Jamie and Eric's church. He's gone out for rugby and found that the coach is a Christian. Studies are challenging but good so far. This is not to say, "It's finished, no further need for prayer." It's a good start, but keep praying him through his 4 years there.

## TAKE THESE TO THE THRONE:

- 1) In four days we're outa here. Sunday the 9th we fly out. Pray for these last few days of packing and preparation so we can get it all done, say good-byes, and fly out not having forgotten anything, not leaving people with our loose ends, and not completely frazzled! We're going through South Africa on our way to the States, taking a long-delayed 30th Anniversary trip to that beautiful country at a beautiful time of year.
- 2) Our daughter's husband, Eric, has been jobless in California for 3 months. Pray that he'd find a job in that job-scarce area, and not just "a job" but a good job for him.
- 3) Gary Bennett and his girls will be on the field by themselves as we spend some time in the States. Pray for him as he handles everything by himself - it's much nicer to be part of a team!

## KEEP LIFTING THESE UP:

- 1) As we now have our building permit the building is going up quickly. But there's a snag -- being just at the edge of the city development, water and electricity are not immediately available. We're running into time delays and the city wants to charge us an arm and a leg to get the utilities to the site. So pray that the utilities could get to the site quickly and within a reasonable cost.
- 2) Continue to pray for Laurent Katabirora, my colleague, who will be left with keeping the PTP going this coming year. We've been working extremely well together, and he's quite capable. But it's all new to him and there are tons of details we've talked through that will be difficult to remember and put all in place as the year goes by. But the schedule of classes and teachers is coming together very well so far.

## PROVERBIAL WISDOM OF RWANDA:

-- Ugutegeka agukubita uryamye --

"Your superior beats you as you are lying down."

Here is a cynical perspective of the leader to led relationship. The one over you in authority will get the better of you in any case or cause simply because he's over you, not because he's better, stronger, wiser. That's how the Rwandese see it.

Partners in Him,  
Gary -- for the SCHEERS  
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