

# Scheer's June Update -- 2004

Dear Friends,

## LET ME TAKE YOU TO RWANDA:

I want to take you to a small group meeting with our Lay Training Institute students. This one meets on a Sunday afternoon, about 3PM. On our way we'll pick up 5 of the students because none have cars -- they walk to a convenient meeting point and go with us from there. So we're squeezed into the small double-cab pickup-- a car made to seat 5 holds 7 in Rwanda. Though we're in the city, the dirt road to the house goes up a hill so steep that I have to put the truck in 4WD low. At one spot it's so washed out that we have to carefully ride two ridges between washed out gullies -- we hope it doesn't start raining while we're in the meeting. We pull up to Claude's place; he's a single guy, mid 20s. It's an adobe house with a steel roof, dirt floors. The whole house is as big as our bedroom. It's left wall is 2' from the neighbor, right wall is shared by the neighboring house. There's 10' from Claude's front door to the front door of the neighbor in front. The living room is 10' by 10'. We squeeze in -- he's borrowed chairs from the neighbors. There's a small coffee table in the center. You can feel the heat radiating down from the steel roof (no ceiling) as the afternoon sun beats down. That's the setting. We'll continue the meeting next UPDATE.

## GOOD HAPPENINGS OF PRAISE:

- 1) Wow, what a trip -- 6 weeks! 6,500 miles in the car. Through every state from Colorado west, except Nevada. God provided, protected, empowered! We visited 6 churches and 2 of our personal supporters. We passed through 4 national parks. We had 5 days with Andy and Jamie and Eric in California, and 5 days with Matt in Washington, and 3 days with my sister and family in Utah. We celebrate God's goodness to us on that trip.
- 2) Tim and Jessica Brubaker added baby Martin to the Rwanda team -- born May 29th. And they stand at over 90% supported. They're working at buying their tickets to Rwanda for early December this year.
- 3) The first session of the Pastoral Training Program in our new NCM Center was successfully completed!

## TAKE THESE TO THE THRONE:

- 1) Katey Wildish -- she's hoping to get to Rwanda in September to teach Gary Bennett's two girls, Melissa (8) and Megan (5), along with some other MKs in the area. Pray that she'd get her needed support in this short time. Some of her family is very upset with her going to Rwanda. Pray for peace and reconciliation between Katey and her family before she leaves. THEN just a few weeks ago her sister-in-law died in a boating accident. The family is in shock, and Katey asks prayer to be God's representative to her family, most of whom are not believers.
- 2) Our son Matt is finishing his first school year at Moody's flight school in Spokane this week and will be spending the summer in Seattle. He desperately needs a job in an area and time when jobs are very hard to come by. Please pray for him.

## KEEP LIFTING THESE UP:

- 1) Keep praying for the money to come in for Phase 2 of our training center. One crucial factor is that Gary Bennett will be leaving for a 1-year home assignment next summer. So if the money doesn't come in, it will be 2 years before we can start Phase 2 -- dorm, cafeteria and staff housing. The students slept on the floor in the library this last session.

## PROVERBIAL WISDOM OF RWANDA:

-- Kora ndebe iruta vuga numve. --

""Do that I may see' is better than 'speak that I may hear.'"

Some Rwandese proverbs are so close to ones we have -- We would say, "Actions speak louder than words." And James said, "In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. But someone will say, 'You have faith; I have deeds.' Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do."

Partners in Him,  
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