

Scheer's June Update -- 2005

Dear Friends,

My usual running route from the NCM office takes me down a little track that jumps a stream, and then heads steeply straight up a hill through fields and forests, by a few adobe houses from which little kids emerge to excitedly yell and run with me for a few score meters. One day on my way back, I came to the stream again, and jumped across. There are always a few people there coming to do their wash. I must have been a bit fatigued. Just after jumping across the ground rises and is rocky. A young man was standing to the side of the way as I passed, I greeted him. That must have distracted me just a bit -- my toe hit a rock and before I knew it I was hitting the ground! I thought as I went down, "This is going to hurt!" But I automatically rolled and ended up on my back with my legs in the air right before this young man! That probably made his day, if not his year -- a 50 plus year old muzungu (whiteman) hitting the dirt and lying turtled on the rocks before him! I had a small scrape on one arm and that was about it. But he was concerned and came over as I got up to see if I was alright. I smiled, said, "Fine, no problem!" and jogged off.

GOOD HAPPENINGS OF PRAISE

1) Just this morning the 32 students in the Pastoral Training Program's first year took their exams. It was a great term. It's the first time every single student from first term returned. We added 5 more pastors. A total of 11 denominations were represented in these 32 pastors -- from pentecostal to brethran!

2) Laurie's back from her month with her mom, after the death of her father. And Andrew, our youngest son, is with us for the summer! He just finished his second year of university. He's such a big guy, and I'm such a little guy, that all the Rwandese ask what he's been feeding on!

LIFT THIS TO THE THRONE

Financial support of MNC -- Recently I sent out the first attempt at recruiting a team for supporting the staff of NCM. (Some people did not receive the pictures I sent with that special update so I'm sending an attached file (Word Document) with all the formatting and pictures.) We received one immediate response. But that's been it. We're still sure that it's a great idea, in fact, some people wrote and said it was a great idea, but couldn't take part at this time.

We're at a point where we will have to curtail programs and plans if financing doesn't come in. So pray for this. The president of one church association just wrote and said they have 155 pastors that desperately need training right now, and he knows of no other organization to do it. So we don't want to have to curtail, but to move ahead.

This is a crucial need -- I'll let it stand alone in this section.

KEEP LIFTING THESE UP

1) Laurie's mom, in addition to grieving, is making all those very difficult decisions, changes and adjustments that come at the passing of her life's partner. She will probably have to sell their beautiful home, as she can't live alone. And probably move to another State to be near family that can lend her a hand. So pray for her, Laurie, and the family as they grieve and adjust.

2) We've mentioned that Gary Bennett is leaving in July for a 10 month home assignment. It's coming down to the wire when it's all got to be done! And he's responsible for so much. He's had no time yet to even think of presentations once he gets home. The girls are having mixed feelings about entering into 2nd and 4th grades in the States, leaving friends and the familiar here. Pray for them.

PROVERBIAL WISDOM OF RWANDA

-- Udukora ntakosa --

He who does nothing makes no mistakes!
Speaks for itself. To live is to risk.

Partners in Him,
Gary Scheer
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