

Scheer's April Update

Dear Friends,

SOMETHING TO WRITE HOME ABOUT

There's just one thing to write home about -- Kaylie Marie Montoya was born April 12 to our daughter, Jamie and her husband Eric. And here she is, our first awesome grand-daughter!



So Laurie, that is Grandmother, is there now visiting. She'll be in the States until May 27. That will give her 4 weeks with the baby, 1 week with her mom in Colorado, time to go to the wedding of Gary Bennett's and Barabara Gish (April 29), go to Spokane to see Matt and Ellie, and to Seattle to see her sister, Chris. Wow -- that's a lot of good things for her.

She wants to be an encouragement and a help to everyone she's with, especially in her visit to her mom and to Jamie, Eric and Kaylie. And, of course, that means 7 weeks here in Rwanda for me without her.

GOOD HAPPENINGS OF PRAISE

1. The new class of students just finished their first term of studies. They finished the term better than any of the two previous classes. We have students from 3 new church groups that we've never had before in NCM. Some of these guys have stories of how they came to love Jesus that will knock your socks off, complete with miracles. I'm in the process of collecting them and will maybe put them on our web-site -- see below. I count it a real privilege to be able to teach and help these guys.

TAKE THESE TO THE THRONE:

1. As a field in Rwanda we want to do two things in these next months. One, establish a web-site. We want it to be the best web-site for Christ's work out there. Two, we have a couple guys coming out in June to do a field DVD. If a picture is worth 1000 words, what's a DVD worth? Whatever it is we want it to sharply communicate what we're about here in Rwanda. Pray as we work out how these things will look and work.

2. I've just started a special time of prayer and fasting for NCM. I'm seeing that circumstances have been slowly nudging NCM out of the track from what we want it to be. This is causing frustrations in the work to build up. This is NOT to minimize the huge impact that NCM continues to have on our students and their churches. We want to do the job better, and not let circumstances force us to settle for second quality and limited impact. It will take a blast from God to nudge us back on track and ahead. My focus in Psalm 37 -- if we delight in God, he will make our cause shine like the noon-day sun. So I'm taking special time out this whole next week (this was to be a precious catch-up week) to delight in God.

KEEP LIFTING THESE UP

1. Keep praying for our son, Andrew. He still doesn't know what he'll do this summer. Last we talked about it he was looking at possibilities in Colorado, Tennessee and Alaska.

2. Or son, Matthew in Spokane, is STILL looking for a solid job that will earn him enough money to go back to Moody's flight school in the fall. Nothing yet. He's getting pretty discouraged.

WISDOM OF RWANDA

Uko ufashe umwana ni ko akunyarira.

The way you hold your child is the way he wets on you.

Interesting proverb! First, few, except some city people, use diapers or rubber pants. Disposables? Only for the very rich! Second, children are held a lot in their first year, and carried on the mother's back a lot even through the second year. So the proverb -- if you hold your child in the front, he'll wet on your front. If you hold him on the side, you get wet on the side, on the back, the back -- see how it works?

What does it mean? It's usually used for when parents raise a child poorly and then the child grows to cause them problems -- as you held him so he wets on you! But it can sometimes be used in the good sense, that the child that turns out well, treating his parents well, was raised well. Looks like this proverb comes down on the nurture side of the nurture/nature debate!

Partners in Him,
Gary and Laurie Scheer