

SCHEERS' PRAYER UPDATE – JULY 2008

Dear Friends,

Other side of life

Having just returned to Rwanda after our visit to see our new grandson (see below) I was thinking again about the things I like about being in the States and the things I like about being here in Rwanda. One of the things I like about being here in Rwanda is:



Now THAT's an avocado!

Good happenings of praise

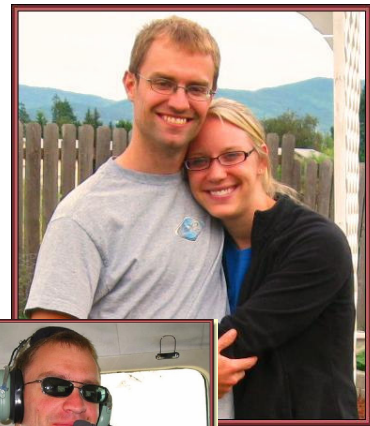


Laurie and I had a good trip to see our new grandson, Zachary Daniel, born the day after I arrived in California at our daughter, Jamie's place! Mom and baby are both healthy and well. Laurie spent 4 weeks with her mom in Denver. I visited my Mom and Dad, too. It was great to see my mom doing so well after her cancer treatment this last year. She seems to be doing all that she was before the cancer took her down.

While in the States we also had a long weekend with our son, Matthew, and his wife, Ellie, in Spokane, WA. We had been asking you to pray for them as they plot the course for their next stage of life after finishing Moody Aviation's flight and mechanics school. Well, the answer has come – Moody has hired Matt as an assistant instructor.

So they will probably be in Spokane for the next 3 years. During that time they will:

- 1) gain experience and flight hours to enable them to be accepted by an aviation mission
- 2) start paying off school debt
- 3) start raising support for their future in missions aviation – most likely in Africa



Let's finish up this section with another family thing – our son, Andy, finishes up his stint with Samaritan's Purse in Sudan in August. Pray for him as he heads back to California (San Jose area) to look for a place to stay, a job, a car, starting a new phase of life. Silicon Valley – a far cry from the Nuba Mountains of Sudan!

Lift These Up



We had you pray for Audrey Sorensen in our last update as she taught her first full course in Kinyarwanda. She said it went great. She's in the process of trying to find a Rwandese partner to work with in the children's ministry of New Creation Ministries. This is a huge need at this time. We would like her to have a sharp partner in these initial months of strategizing so that the two of them will share the vision from the beginning. She has been looking, interviewing and following up contacts, for months now and so far – no one! Please make this a priority request.

From July 7 to 26 I'll be teaching the first year Pastoral Training School students on the nature and function of the church. Please pray again for us as we teach these 36 pastors, that the Holy Spirit will change their hearts and minds, that it will make a difference in their lives, work and churches. Pray for protection and strength as well – these sessions are very demanding on teachers and students alike.



Tim and Jessica Brubaker, our fellow WorldVenture teammates here in Rwanda, will be leaving for home assignment on August 1. Laurie and I are dreading that day – they'll be gone for a full year. It's so difficult to have our teammates, who are close friends and so valuable to all we do in Rwanda, pack up and be gone for a year. It leaves a huge hole emotionally and in the work. Pray for us and those of us left in Rwanda. And pray that they have a great home assignment.

Wisdom of Rwanda

Amaso y'undi ntakurebera umugeni.
The eyes of another cannot see the bride for you!

The one thing that will cause a Rwandan to stop staring at a white person is to see a bride. To a Rwandan, to see a bride all decked out in her finery is the ultimate in visual pleasure. No second-hand description, no matter how good, will do.

So you could say that it means certain things you just must see for yourself. But even broader than that it can mean nothing substitutes for personal experience. No where is this more true than in relation to the love and grace of God. Don't just let pastors, priests, or missionaries tell you about it; don't just read about it in heartwarming stories. You have to see it for yourself and be captured by its beauty – that's the key to our lives – the love of Christ controls us!

Partners in Him,
Gary and Laurie Scheer