

# SCHEERS' PRAYER UPDATE – JULY 2009 – RWANDA

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## *Window into life*



It's dry season in Rwanda. The last rain fell May 31<sup>st</sup>. The sky is slightly hazy from dust – sunsets are beautiful! Our front lawn is brown; it will come back green as soon as rain falls again – probably in September sometime. But the trees and bushes stay amazingly green. Many of the neighborhood streets are dirt; already on some there is a 1" layer of very fine dust that roils up at every passing car. So you dust the coffee table in the morning and by noon you swipe your hand across it and it comes up dusty. It is a time of water shortages. In most areas of town the water is off for parts of the day or for days at a time. Anyone who can afford it has a large storage tank of water that will get them by between water shut-offs – we can get by for a week if we're really careful!

## *Good happenings of praise*

### **Grandchild #3!**

Matt and Ellie had their first baby May 15 -- born safely without any problems! His name is Blake Matthew Scheer. And here he is with his proud mother.

A few things we're praying for them:

- They have decided to try to make it financially on Matt's meager income from instructing at Moody Aviation, so Ellie can be home with Blake.
- Wisdom as they sort out this new thing of being parents!
- They have begun raising support for their eventual assignment of mission aviation in Africa.



### **Partner for Audrey!**

We've been praying for 2½ years that Audrey would find a partner, with whom she could work to establish the children's work of New Creation Ministries. We've finally found her! Godiyose (pronounce go-dee-YO-ze) Mukakarisa. She's 34 years old, married with 3 children. She's had all kinds of experience teaching and working with children. What makes us excited about her is her unusual gift and joy in working with kids, and her skill and insight in training the adults who work with children. This is just the combination we were looking for. We're hoping that the children's program can really take off now!

## *Pray for these*

### **Changing of the guard**

A couple weeks ago the Gary Bennetts left us for their Home Assignment (HA). They'll be gone a full year so that their two daughters can get in a full year of schooling. By the time you get this, the Tim Brubakers will be back from their 1-year HA. These transitions are always hard on families. So pray for both of these families. One of the draw-backs of this life is that, for example, Brubakers have been gone for a year and get back to find Bennetts gone for a year. They will not see each other for 2 years!

## The library in the container...

A shipping container is on its way to Rwanda. In it is a complete library for our developing bachelor's level leadership training program – 10,000 books and much of the shelving for them, plus 30 computers! This is a miraculous answer to prayer.

Once it arrives and gets set up it will be the best evangelical university-level library in this region.

We see it as a down payment from God towards the whole degree program. It is a daunting task ahead of us, but seeing God provide this amazing first piece is like His assurance that the rest, difficult as it may seem, will also come together, each piece in its own time and way.

Pray that it gets here safely – it should be on a truck from Tanzania to Rwanda by the time you get this. And pray that it clears customs here in Rwanda without outlandish charges and delays – clearing customs is a daunting task in itself!



## ...to the library in the school



THEN, we'll have the books, but no building for them. SO pray strongly for the funds to start coming in that the library and classroom building can be built!

Here's what we're planning. The buildings with darker roofs are built. We want to build the circled building in the middle. This will be a two-story building, with the library on the first floor and class-rooms on the second.

Somehow it's nice to see a plan like this and envision what will be. BUT our vision is not these buildings. We envision, starting in the church and spreading through all the levels of society, godly

men and women who can lead the people ahead in excellence, integrity and godliness! THIS is the vision for the degree program. Pray that it becomes reality!

## Wisdom from Rwanda

**Aho imbwa inyereye, nyir'inka acisha hirya!**

**Where the dog slips, the owner of the cow moves on!**

The picture is the cow herder leading the cows to pasture. They need to cross a muddy ravine. The dog slips as it descends. The herder knows that a dog is more agile than the cow. If the dog slips, certainly a cow will slip. And he knows that if a dog slips and even falls, it's no big deal for the dog. But a cow could be seriously injured by the fall. AND to the Rwandese, the dog is of little value, while the cow is among the most valued of possessions. So the wise herder moves the cows on looking for a better place to cross.

I love this proverb because it packs a lot in this one sentence. But let's try this this time – think about this proverb. Let me know what YOU think it means.

Partners in Him,  
*Gary and Laurie Scheer*

PS - check out our website ([www.ncmrwanda.org](http://www.ncmrwanda.org)) - we have a new picture gallery - The Whole Fam!