

# SCHEERS' PRAYER UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 2009 – RWANDA

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## ***Window into life – running in Africa!***

One of the things that clears my mind and calms my emotions is running and riding my bike. People often assume that I, as a white man, don't know Kinyarwanda – but I do! Sooo:

I was going up a steep dirt road. I'd taken my hat off because I was sweating like a butcher! As I passed by a little set of houses I heard a couple guys talking as I passed by:

"Hey there goes a white guy!"

"Whoa, he's an old man!"

"Yeah, no hair on his head, not any!"



Years ago when I used to go for rides with Andy and Matt we'd hear people discussing as we rode by:

"Hey there go some white people!"

"Suppose those are his kids?"

"Yeah, looks he's got a boy and a girl."

"No, I'd say it's two boys he's got."

"No, it's two girls – look at them!"

Unfortunately the word for white person, "muzungu", is close enough to "muzutu", which means "a-hole" that when a group of kids are calling out as I go by:

"Muzungu, muzungu!"

I'll hear in the midst an occasional "muzutu" and a big laugh.

## ***Good answers to prayer!***

After the sad news about the sentencing of Laurent Katabirora I wanted to show some prayer requests that have been answered in the POSITIVE:

The container filled with 13,000 books for our degree-level library arrived safe and sound! After the usual amount of red tape and fees we have it – along with the 30 computers and metal library shelving that came with it!

In June the representative from a charitable foundation in the States contacted us and is seriously interested in helping fund the building project for the degree-level program. They've invited me to visit their office in the States when we're on home assignment early 2010.

Tim and Jessica Brubaker, with their 3 kids, are back with us after a year of home assignment! He's jumping into getting the degree program up and running – target date ⇒ January 2011.

Regarding the degree program again, we were agonizing over a decision as to whether we should make the school a cooperative effort with another existing school. The decision's been made. Because of a disconnect between the core values of that school and the program we are proposing, we've decided against the cooperation. Though we're confident in that decision, that means a whole PILE of work for us that we would have shared, SO pray extra hard for this venture!

Dan and Rachel Janzen have been appointed by WorldVenture to join us in the work of discipling Christian leaders for Rwanda! They are here now on a get-to-know-you trip of 3 weeks. Once they raise their support they and their two little boys will return to be part of our WorldVenture Team in Rwanda!

Remember the North Africa Project? Elie Ngabonziza, the young man who was headed to school in North Africa as an ambassador for Christ has gone! The country changed – he's in Malaysia – but the mission's the same.



*Dan and Rachel with Alex and Drew.*

Pastor to the pastors – Joseph Muyombano. Joseph came on board with us in January as a pastor or spiritual mentor to the pastors we teach. He's been doing an EXCELLENT job. He's got very effective gifts in both counseling and personal evangelism. He's about to finish visiting ALL of our 45 students in their homes and churches!



On the home front: our son Andy, in California, finally has a job – he's been on the hunt since January! Habitat for Humanity has hired him as a supervisor of some of the building in the San Francisco area.

### ***Take this one to the throne:***

We're in the process of talking to a few people about the possibility of joining our New Creation Ministries board and some about joining the staff of NCM. Please pray for good quality people in both areas. I don't know why it's always so hard to find them, but it is!

### ***Wisdom from Rwanda***



***Amareshya mugeni si yo amutunga!***  
***The words which woo the bride do not support her!***

The picture is of the guy who showers the young girl with words of love and promises of being with her and caring for her forever! Those words won't put food on the table once they're married!

The proverb is used whenever someone promises you the moon or talks something up real positively in order to get you to agree to it. Beware – they may be empty promises, and often the bigger they are the more skeptical you should be and the bigger pit you'll fall into if you follow along!

Partners in Him,

*Gary and Laurie Scheer*