

## **SCHEERS' PRAYER UPDATE – JULY 2010 – RWANDA**

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### ***Window into life – “good friends”***



Maybe a sign of a “good friend” is that when you’re together, age drops off and you’re a kid again. One of the highlights for Laurie of being in the States is that we live but a 15 minute walk from Kathy, one of her best friends. When Kathy comes to the door of our condo to get Laurie for a walk I can just feel the delight in them both that brings forth smiles and lightness of heart and step. It’s as if years were stripped away and they’re a couple of school girls stepping out to enjoy a summer morning together. What a treasure for them both!

### ***HA – we got a lot done!***

We’re on the home stretch of home assignment (HA). In late August we hope to head back to Rwanda. There’s been a lot of good stuff accomplished:

We’ve left most of our churches and supporters with a sense of the excitement, value, and uniqueness of the work of NCM in Rwanda.

Twenty-six more people have joined the 600 Club – our goal was 30 so we’re close! (The 600 Club is made up of people who give \$600/year to enable a pastor to study in the Pastoral Training School in Rwanda; it’s the finances that make possible what we’re doing in Rwanda).

God’s brought us together with yet ANOTHER young couple who’s interested in working with us in Rwanda.

In August before we head back Gary will be meeting with an architect who has offered the services of his firm to develop the building plans for the next phase of building in Kigali (library, classrooms, offices, faculty quarters).

A Christian university contacted us with the generous offer of their on-line curriculum that might be used in the degree-program (Christian Leadership Institute of Rwanda – CLIR) we’ll be starting soon.

Gary has finished writing up a new course in Kinyarwanda for the Pastoral Training School (PTS). This will take pressure off him when he gets back to the business of work in Rwanda.



And last, but not least, quality time with family and close friends. As you get this, in fact, we’ll be heading west to visit our kids and grandkids one last time. We’ll have one week with Jamie and her family, along with Andy who lives in the area (San Francisco area); and another week with Matt’s family in Spokane, WA.

## ***Aiming for full support***

WorldVenture, our great mission organization, is asking us to put out the word that we should be 100% supported before we go back to Rwanda in August. This word is for people and churches to pray and to give. We are about \$600/month short of being fully supported – that's good compared to a lot of colleagues whose support has really suffered in this slow economy.

Their rationale is that if we go back to Rwanda not fully supported, and we lose a supporter or two because of the economy, we could be in trouble and have to come BACK to make up the support. Better to go out fully supported. Then if support takes a hit, it may not take us down to an unlivable level while we're in Rwanda.

You know that since you've been getting these email updates we have not used them to raise personal support money; it's not generally that kind of letter. The 600 Club – yes, for the sake of the studies of Rwandan pastors, but not personal support. However, we don't apologize for putting this need before you. What we do takes money, and what we do is strategic and worthwhile. So pray and consider.

The need can be cut up in all sorts of ways – 6 people or churches giving \$100/month; 12 giving \$50; some group coming up with the whole tamale.

The money does not have to be in WorldVenture's hands; they just want to know if the commitments are there by the time we go back to Rwanda – the money can come in anytime by the end of the year.

You can let us know at [scheer@ncmrwanda.org](mailto:scheer@ncmrwanda.org) if you'd like to help with this need (stress on "like"; no guilt or pressure; if you'd like to have a part in Scheers living and working in Rwanda and are in a position to be able to, give; if not, don't).



## ***Wisdom from Rwanda***

**Usiga ikikwirukana, ntabwo usiga ikikwirukankamo.**

**You leave what is chasing you out, but you can't avoid what is chasing around inside.**

You can leave when someone or something chases you out of its domain; but the fears, the anxieties, the doubts, the anger, chasing around inside of you – they're with you – you can't leave them; they're with you wherever you go! You're at school – they're there. At home with your family



– they're there. Lying in bed at night – they're there. Sitting in church – they're there.

So, the wisdom from God's word – "above all else, guard your heart." Once it gets inside it's hard to get rid of. And should you be blessed enough to have a way to chase them out, treasure that Way, and by all means, use it!

Partners in Him,

*Gary and Laurie Scheer*