

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

### ***Window into life – “crutches”***

A couple weeks ago Andy, our 25 year-old son, and I (Gary), hiked 20 miles over 3 days through some of the most beautiful and rugged mountains of Colorado.

Through it all I used what some call “cheater sticks” and others “trekking poles.” Call them what they want – I’m 59 years old and yet came back from hiking 20 miles, most with a 35lb pack on my back, with 8500’ of climbing and then coming back down, without so much as a twinge in my knees! When I was in my 20s my every step towards the end of a 10 mile climb was painful to the knees.

I’m not trying to sell “cheater sticks”; I’m thinking, rather, of those who call Christianity a “crutch,” as if somehow that invalidates it. Having discovered trekking poles, I’ll not climb another mountain without them; having discovered Jesus, I’ll not live another day without Him!



### ***Hanging out together – an answer to prayer***

A few weeks ago in July Laurie and I, along with the Gary Bennetts (all of us long-timers in Rwanda) had 5 days with 2 families that are new additions to our team in Rwanda – that will nearly double the size of the WorldVenture Rwanda team in the next few years. That was the first time all of us had met together face-to-face. What a relief to find we just liked to hang out together!

A missionary team is not like other work teams. We don’t review hundreds of applications to find “just the right person” for the job. And we live and work together in an interdependence and intimacy that is unique. So here is an answer to prayer that these 5 very different families, all with a heart for Rwanda, brought together by God, JUST LIKE HANGING OUT TOGETHER!



### ***Back to Rwanda...?***

We should have been heading back to Rwanda this week. HOWEVER, Gary’s dad and mom have been told by their doctors that mom’s 3-year struggle against cancer is over. There is nothing more chemo or any other treatment can do for her. Though there are no time-schedules for this kind of thing, we are delaying our return to Rwanda indefinitely to be with the family at this critical time.

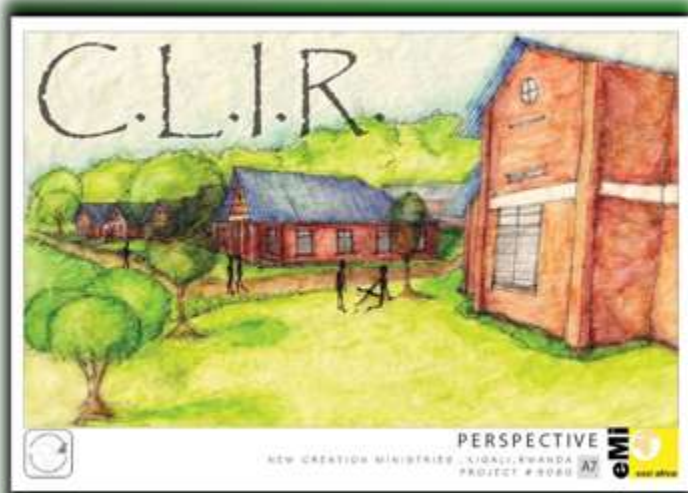
Fifteen days ago we were sitting with my mom and dad on the dock of their mountain cabin by Grand Lake. She went into the hospital the next day and is just going home today (Monday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>). Pray for these difficult days for our family.



## CLIR update

Meanwhile, negotiations continue regarding the future shape of CLIR – the Christian Leadership Institute of Rwanda. We, New Creation Ministries in Rwanda, are trying to work out an agreement that would merge into one our program with another bachelors level program designed to train Christian leaders. Anyone who has worked at merging two programs knows how painstaking the talks can be as all sorts of details have to be considered.

More important than the details, however, is putting together a school board that, though it draws members from the two forming bodies, is one in heart – having the same philosophy of education and spiritual formation.



## 600 Club

Looking at this last quarter's financial statements for the [Pastoral Training School \(PTS\)](#) I need to strongly press again the need for more infusion of energy into the PTS through the 600 Club. We *could* be faced with cutting back on the programs of the school next year if more subsidies don't come in. The 600 Club is people here in the States committing \$600/year to make the PTS possible ([click here](#) to learn more about the 600 Club).



## Wisdom from Rwanda

**Ibishingwe birabora  
(bikajyana na nyirabyo).**

**The things hidden rot (along with their "owner").**

Often one says the first part of the saying with another responding with the second part. The picture is of maybe a bag of potatoes, one of the staples of Rwanda. A potato at the bottom of the bag starts to rot. It not only destroys that potato, but other potatoes, AND messes up the bag as well.

We, as Christians, often teach that a problem or sin that we hide, does not get taken care of. It just continues to "rot." What this saying adds, or emphasizes, is that that rotting sin or problem will have its rotting effect on the person or group that is doing the hiding.

Some great wisdom in the Rwandan culture.

Partners in Him,

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