

# SCHEERS' PRAYER UPDATE – JANUARY 2012 – RWANDA

## Window into Life



Did any of you notice the irony in this picture from last update? Hint – look at the clothes.

It seems the Rwandese are anxious to identify with Western culture while the white guy on the end (kind of looks like me!) is trying to identify with the African culture! The reality is somewhere in-between. I hate wearing a suit

anytime, but especially in the warmth and humidity of this climate. An African-style dress shirt is a great way out of wearing the suit!

## **A new class – AND another picture of guys standing there!**



We just received 28 new students for the Pastoral Training School. Sorry for another picture of guys standing there, but hey, these guys are our work!

Let me add some life to these “guys standing there” –



Many come from churches like this



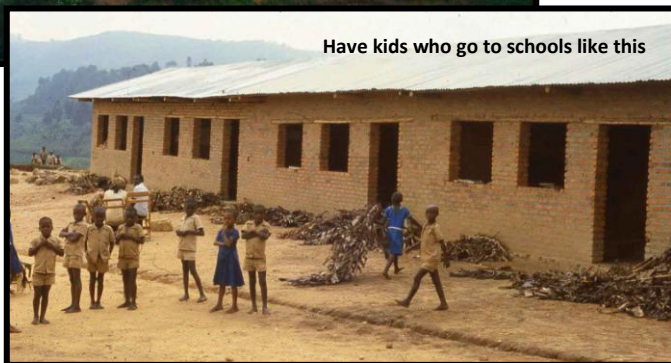
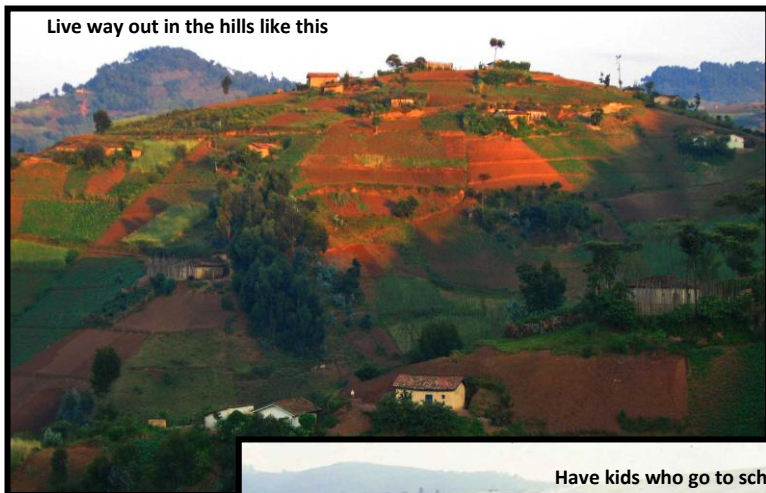
Have families like this



Live in houses like this



Cook in kitchens like this



Here is a list of things you can pray for these new students:

- They would thoroughly understand the Gospel of salvation by grace through faith in Christ – and accept it themselves!
- As we have them practice personal daily devotion times with God, while in school, that they would make it a lifelong practice!
- That their own hearts will be changed by all we teach, their gifts enhanced, and then they would pass it on and use it!
- The churches they lead would become beautifully functioning Bodies of Christ!
- That each of us teachers would make it practical and character developing!
- That love for Christ would become the foundation of all they do (rather than religious form, fear of punishment, legalistic practice of rules)!
- For health and protection for them and their families they've left at home for these 3 weeks!

### **Wisdom from Rwanda**



**Uwavuga ay'inzuki, ubuki ntibwaribwa.**

**If the whole story of the bee were told, you'd think honey inedible.**

Though usually on flowers, I've seen bees swarming a smelly trash can, lifting off from a mud puddle, even on some dung! I don't know what they're doing there, but these very bees are the source of the sweet honey. If you built upon that "history", you wouldn't eat honey despite its tastiness!

This proverb is said to person who likes to talk down others. It is warning him or her, "If we knew your whole story, we might not like you, no matter how sweet you think you are!" We'd ALL be in trouble if people dwelt on our bad points; wisdom dictates that we treat others with the grace with which we wish to be treated.

Partners in Him,

*Gary and Laurie Scheer*

*We finished 2011 in the BLACK! So we have received the 28 new pastors into the PTS pictured above. We still need regular contributors so we can make our budget 2012. The 600 CLUB is a great way for your giving to have a great impact here in Rwanda. [Click here](#) to find out more about what \$600/year will do for the pastors in Rwanda – it's not much and has a powerful impact.*