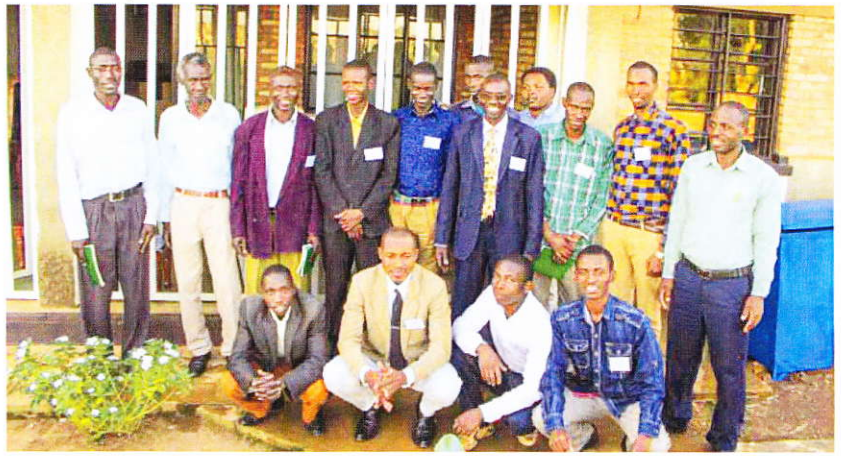


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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Thanks so much for your prayers for us. The last several months have been the hardest physically we have ever faced in Africa, and yet some of the most rewarding spiritually. From physical sickness to all of our appliances and computer equipment breaking, we have been through it. The most difficult problem has been in the area of water. Now is the dry season in Kasese (every season feels like the dry season) and it means water rationing. That usually means the water company shuts off the water during the day and turns it on at night so people don't use too much. Not a problem for us since we have two gravity fed tanks that hold 2,750 liters of water between them. Or so we thought. We have now had our tanks totally drain to nothing twice. Since it takes us about a week to use all that water when we don't spare at all, and we have spent the last several weeks using absolute minimum water, that means we have been without water running to our house for most of the month of June. This is not normal and there is definitely a problem, but the water company has taken a very long time to fix it. Needless to say, we are conserving as best we can, including not taking showers, using our pit latrine instead of the flush toilets, etc. We just got rain a couple of days ago, which is unusual for this time of year, and our water is now back on, but who knows how long it will last.

Ministry wise, God is really blessing. We were able to have a Bible institute in Rwanda at the end of May. We started with 23 students and ended with 15. Some left because they didn't like the teaching, while others left for personal reasons. Those who stayed got our 18 lesson discipleship program during the day and preaching on leadership in the morning and evening services. It was a lot of material, but those who stayed have already taken those things back to their home villages and are teaching them there. I have had the opportunity to visit in many of the students' homes and it has been exciting to see the hunger for the Word of God. We have preaching points in all the corners of the country, and Sadock has been taking much time to go and visit these groups and train them more. At the end of the week of teaching, we baptized eight people. We are planning to do another teaching time in September.



It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through 2017. Things are progressing well, but our deadline for reporting to the Rwandan government is fast approaching. The work of teaching and preaching is a good report, but in order for the mission to take its next step of approval, there needs to be a piece of property purchased. We are praying that God would provide this money within the next several months. We are praying that God would provide \$10,000 to purchase a piece of property for future development. Please pray about whether God would have you to contribute to this project.

The next month promises to be very busy. Right now I am in the middle of teaching the first block class on II Corinthians in Bwera. This will finish by the middle of July and then we wait for the baby. We are making plans and preparing so that we will be ready to go at the first sign of labor. We are planning to have the baby in Mbarara, which is three hours away. Talia is doing well, but please pray that all will go well and that there will be no complications with the delivery.



In Christ,

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