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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Thank you so much for your prayers for us. The last several months have been very busy and the weeks to follow promise to be even more so. God is working here in Africa and we are excited to see what the future holds.

I have made several trips to Rwanda this year already. We have been working on putting together a time of teaching for those interested in leadership, but we keep being delayed for different reasons. Finally, the dates of May 22-26 have been set for our institute. We are going to have Brother Jeff Bassett come from America to attend, and we will have two national pastors and some missionaries from Uganda in attendance. We are expecting at least 14 students although we may have as many as 20. Although I have been a part of these institutes in Uganda in the past, it is a different matter when I am planning and working all the details for myself. We will be teaching through our basic discipleship course from Uganda and hope to cover all 18 lessons in four days! We also plan to preach about the role of the pastor and the responsibility that comes with being a spiritual leader. Please pray that all the logistics will go well and that the time of teaching will be profitable for all.

During my trips in Rwanda, I have had the opportunity to meet several men whom we are hoping to train for leadership. On one of my trips, I met Peter and his wife who live in the eastern province. They were formerly Seventh Day Adventists, and Peter even contributed a lot of money to build an Adventist church in his area. Even today, the locals still call it "Peter's church." Despite his religious zeal, he realized that he did not have the truth and began to pray that God would reveal His truth to him. While listening to Christian radio, he heard the true preaching of the gospel and gladly received it. He is meeting with a group of 18 people in his village now who are seeking to know more, and we are very excited to be able to help this group and many others to learn more and hopefully become a church in the future.

I have also looked at more land in Nyamata and have seen great potential. We are really praying that God will provide the money to make this purchase possible. To this point, the response has been very small, but we are trusting that God will provide in His timing. Having land would go a long way to providing a permanent home for the mission and allow us to begin to set up for future ministry. If you would like more specific information about what we are looking at, please email and I can send you more information. If you would like to contribute, please mark your donations for the Rwanda land fund and send it to our account.

Our ministry in Uganda is continuing as well. I had the opportunity to teach a 5-week course on 1 Corinthians to seven students in Bwera, a town located near the DRC border. Although I have taught much in the week long institutes, it was my first time to teach a graded class. I learned a lot about teaching, and I think the students learned a lot about 1 Corinthians. I am looking forward to doing more teaching in the future with Rwenzori Baptist College in Kasese and Bwera.

On a family note, Talia and the baby are doing well and we found out that we will have another girl. We are now in the rainy season here so we have had rain every day and sometimes all day. That has made the weather much cooler, but has also brought out the mosquitoes. We are often killing 40-50 at a time and somehow we always miss some. Please pray for continued health for all of us and strength for the ministry.

In Christ,

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