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Dear Friends and Supporters,

We really appreciate your prayers for us. The wedding that I mentioned in our last prayer letter went very well, and there was a lot of support from the churches in Ruti and in Mbarara. All four couples that I have married were in attendance, and it was a blessing to be with so many that God has allowed us to impact. The youth conference also was a blessing, and we had over 70 children in attendance. The pastor plans to hold another one in January, and I appreciate his desire to invest in the lives of his youth.

In the last letter, I mentioned that there were some developments in Rwanda that I needed to share. Several months ago, a former missionary to Uganda contacted me about helping Sadock, our national leader in Rwanda, with the purchase of land to build churches. I assured him that I didn't have a problem with this since I have never viewed a national leader as "mine." If he is God's man, I am happy to have others invest in his life and ministry. This missionary and another man who runs a mission out of their church came in July and looked at the opportunities that were available. I was able to meet them and was glad to find men who shared common ministry goals, and who were excited about the opportunities that are available in Rwanda today.

Since their return to the US, they have raised and provided money to buy several properties and work on building. The first place where land was purchased was in Musanze in the northwest of the country. This is the area where Sadock used to live, and we have a good group of believers meeting on a weekly basis. They have a man whom we are training to lead them and we hope to start a church with them. The primary thing we were missing was land. I have not yet seen the land, but have been told it is in a good location with plenty of space for development. Land was also purchased in the east where we also have a good group meeting. Work has already been started on building a church for them there. Money is in hand to purchase land in Kigali, as well, and we are praying that God will provide the right piece of land at the right price.

Why is this important? At this point, it has been a year since we submitted for the approval of Calvary Independent Baptist Mission of Rwanda. This delay doesn't seem to have anything to do with us, but there are things we can do to make sure they see we are still serious as we wait. Having the one property we purchased last year is great, but having three more properties with church buildings on them really should go a long way to make the approval process easier. This also allows these preaching points to be more open in their activities and begin the process of being formed into official churches.

I am really thankful for these developments because they remind me that we are all doing God's work together. Raising funds for projects is not my gift. I prefer to teach and preach. These men have come in and raised money in ways that would be hard for me and have done for the ministry in Rwanda exactly what it needed. We pray that through this land and these building projects that the mission paperwork will be approved, and the way will be paved for us to move and work in Rwanda on a more permanent basis.

Please pray for Sadock to find the right property in Kigali and that the building of new buildings will be efficient, cost effective, and useful for the continuing of the ministry there. We are thankful for the safe delivery of Faith to Pastor Sadock and Victoria on the 16th of October, and we ask you to pray for the continued health of mother and child.

In Christ,
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