

REACHING RWANDA

...TOGETHER

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A New Beginning

It all started over a year ago as we sensed God wanted us to be ready to do something "different..." something we hadn't prepared, planned, or trained for. Of course, we thought we knew what that was, but as it usually works out, we had no idea what God had in mind. Over the last seven months, God's plan has been made more clear to us and we now **know** that we are called to serve as missionaries. Our plan is to move to Kigali, Rwanda in January, 2012 and serve there with our family for two years. The journey to discover what God has in store for us has been amazing so far and yet it has only just begun...

WHAT WILL WE DO THERE?

We will work with FMWM (Free Methodist World Mission). There are over 200 Free Methodist churches in Rwanda. Scott will spend most of his time teaching courses to over 100 pastors who lack the opportunities and funds to attend appropriate pastor training. Natasha will initially focus

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Giving God What's in Our Hands

I love the story in John 6 of Jesus feeding the 5,000. Not only do we see an amazing miracle, but we get to see an unsuspecting child take part in what Jesus was doing. The boy gave up what he had in his hands that day. I'm sure 2 fish and 5 loaves didn't seem like enough, but the outcome wasn't up to him. All he was asked to do was give God what was in his hands.

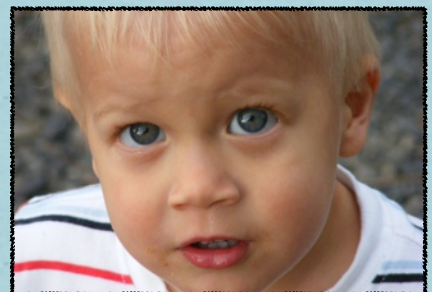
We feel a lot like that little boy. What we have (our gifts, abilities, and resources) often do not seem like enough, but the end result is not up to us. All we have been asked to do is be obedient with what's in our hands. God will take care of the rest.



SAM - Sam is excited about this new adventure. He is looking forward to attending a Community International School in Kigali and making lots of new friends.



ALLIE - Allie will start kindergarten in Kigali in September of 2012. Until then, she'll "hang" with Mom & Dad during the day and adjust to a new culture.



BRADY - Brady has no idea what lies ahead for him.... But we are certain that wherever Mom, Dad, Allie & Sam are, Brady will be happy.

Things to know about Rwanda...



on helping our family adjust to a new life and culture. As time becomes available, she will assist with International ChildCare Ministries staff (a child sponsorship program through FMWM) in Kigali, as well as teach English. Our desire is that God will use the gifts he has given us to be an encouragement to His church and the people in Rwanda.

HOW YOU CAN HELP...

Like any worthwhile endeavor, we cannot do this alone. We are looking for a network of people who would be willing to partner with us to serve and encourage the people in Rwanda. This can be done in a few ways...

1. Would you consider a commitment to pray for us and the work God has called us to do? This might seem like the easiest way to help, but we believe it is the most crucial. If you would like to help in this way, we will keep you updated on specific things to pray about for our family and those we are serving.

2. Would you consider a commitment to support us financially?

Surprisingly, it will cost nearly as much to live in Kigali, Rwanda as it does for us to live in Newberg, Oregon. To do this we need people; people who believe that God will do what only He can do with their resources and with those who follow after Him. Our greatest need is for people who can support us on a monthly basis. By supporting us this way, you are joining us in trusting God and encouraging His Church. To do this, fill out the attached response card and return it with a check payable to Northside Community Church. Any one-time gifts will help fund things like plane tickets, visas, passports, etc. Monthly contributions will fund everyday living expenses like rent and food, as well as ministry costs.

In whatever way you decide to support us... thank you! We appreciate the generosity and support of our friends and family so much. We truly could not do this without you.

HELPFUL LINKS

www.reachingrwands.org

(Our blog)

www.fmwm.org

www.childcareministries.org

HISTORY OF RWANDA

Most people think of the tragic genocide in 1994 when they think of Rwanda. About one million Tutsi people were killed by the Hutu people. The nation's infrastructure was brutalized during the conflict, but the country is now stable and

rebuilding. Financial recovery is encouraging; Rwanda is currently one of the fastest-growing economies in Africa. Ethnic identification (Hutu, Tutsi) has been banned and Rwandans now refer to themselves only as Rwandans.

1. **Most densely populated African Country**

2. **Slightly smaller than Maryland in square miles**

3. **Population: Just over 11 million**

4. **Literacy Rate: 70%**

5. **Life Expectancy: 58 years**

6. **Official Languages: Kinyarwanda, French, English**

7. **90% of population practices agriculture**

8. **Capital City: Kigali**

FROM SCOTT AND NATASHA

The decision to serve so far from home was both easy and difficult. We are certain this is where God wants us right now and yet we are sad to leave the people we love and care about so much.... Thank you for taking the time to read a little bit of our story. Know that we love you and will miss you greatly.

Glory to God forever,

Scott & Natasha

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