

Dear Praying Friends and Family,

September 12, 2015

Thank you for continuing to uphold us in prayer, especially as we process the home-calling of our good friend and co-worker Samweli.

PRAISE the Lord with us that the funeral for Samweli went very well. We were able to transport the body back up to his home near Gisuru about 4.5 hours drive away. Around 400 friends and neighbors attended the funeral and heard the gospel preached very clearly and powerfully by my friend Salatier.



Praying to finish the graveside service.

Two projects that have been heavy on our heart since Samweli's death are the construction of a new building for Munyinya (the local church where Samweli served) and helping his widow and seven children finish a house that he had just started building before he died.

The church is in need of a bigger building, currently about 50 of the 150 regular members stand outside the building every Sunday for the service.

PRAY for a team of over 10 local builders from 2 churches near the city of Bujumbura who will be heading up to Munyinya on Monday to volunteer their time to begin construction on the new building. They will be going up in a dump truck that has been loaned for free by an elder from Bujumbura who has a construction business. It is great to see the partnership and generosity of these local brothers.

PRAY for provision for the roofing for the new church building. They will need completely new roofing because they would like to keep the old building standing to be used for Sunday School work, so that they can split the Sunday School into 2 groups.



The remaining 4 elders at Munyinya church. The old church building is in the background and you can see the bricks and rock that have been gathered by the Christians for the new church building.



Young people from the church joyfully giving of their time and strength to carry rock a mile up the hill to the church property for the new building construction!

JIMBI YOUTH SEMINAR

This past month I also had the opportunity to teach a one day youth seminar at one of the assemblies in the nearby mountains. About 40 young people attended. **PRAY** for the youth at the churches of Jimbi and Nyamutenderi who attended, that they would live their lives in light of eternity for the glory of God.

PRAY also for another youth seminar I will teach next weekend at another nearby church.

I was happy to teach/attend the seminar with some of my friends who are teachers at Discovery School. Discovery School, which was started by my brother and sister-in-law Jesse and Joy, has a massive impact not only on the students, but also on many of the high school graduates in our churches by giving them job opportunities and Christian mentorship.

<https://www.facebook.com/Discovery-School-Burundi-285766348117336/timeline/>.



I was happy to be able to minister alongside these talented young men. My friend Alan (second from the left) translated for me and also taught a session. Jimbi church can faintly be seen in the background on the hill.

NGOZI EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE

PRAISE the Lord for a wonderful conference that took place the middle of August up in Ngozi to open up a new church building. There were several thousand people in attendance at the 3 day conference held in a local sports stadium.

PRAY for the 100+ people who made professions of faith over the weekend as a result of the preaching of the gospel. **PRAY** that they would continue in the faith and attend the church regularly.

VISITORS

We are excited to be a part of hosting many visitors during the next month and a half. First we will welcome Jim Fleming from Emmaus Correspondence School, then Phil and Mary Parsons from CMML, then Charlie and Sheri Seminara from our home church Oak Lawn Bible Chapel in Illinois and finally Matt and Don from Allow the Children in Virginia who will be coming out to teach at the Timothy Bible School. **PRAY** for these guests that their time here would be beneficial to them and to the people they minister to.

GISURU HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

PRAISE the Lord for the progress on the guest house, last week I went up with the plumber and electrician and got most of the plumbing done and the small solar system installed!

PRAY for the Lord's continued provision as we finish furnishing the house and build a perimeter wall around the housing area.

PRAY also that we would be able to get water. We have a water hook up from the town right now, but they have turned it off for the past 4 months saying that there is not enough water for us in their system.

So in order for us to get reliable water we might need to install our own water pipe from the town's spring 3 kilometer's (about 2 miles) away. This will cost a lot of money (around \$7,000), so pray that either they will stop turning us off, or that God would provide the funds to be able to run our own pipe.



Gisuru house with storeroom in the foreground. You can see the solar panels on top of the storeroom roof.

KIGOMA BREAK

PRAISE the Lord that we were able to take a 5 day mini vacation down in Tanzania visiting with Danny's parents and brother Luke and family. It was nice to get away and spend two days at the beach there.

Elijah is growing fast and enjoyed being with his grandparents!



Thanks again for praying and praising with us.
In Christ,
Danny and Annie Johnson