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Dear Friends, Family, and Churches,

Enclosed is our new family photo prayer card. It is our hope that you will put it up and remember us in your prayers.

For many years we have had a **prayer partner picture board** in Africa. It has been an encouragement and reminder to us of those who are remembering us in prayer. If you will be praying for us and our ministry, even occasionally, please send us your photo so we can update or add your picture.

Prayers make a difference! I have felt the power of prayer as a pilot, as an evangelist, and as a father. I have seen God answer many prayers in my life. I believe the success of our work in Africa is made possible because people back home pray.

Last week I received a letter from a former missionary colleague now living in the U.S.A. In his mid 80s, he has been in active ministry for over 60 consecutive years! This great man of God closed his letter by saying he was praying for us and our ministry every day. Many of you have been supporting this work through your prayers.

Only in eternity will we know all that our prayer partners have accomplished through prayer. How many lives have been touched and changed here in Africa because God's people prayed? How many times have we been spared heartache and disaster because our prayer warriors interceded for us? How many blessings have we experienced because prayer is powerful?

God delights in the prayers of His people and has promised to answer them. This world has been changed by the power of prayer, and so have our lives. We need your prayers. Thank you for praying for our family and the work of *Joy in the Harvest*. You are giving us the greatest and best gift.

Love,

*Lowell, Claudia
Kimberly + Luke*

Our Prayer Partner Picture Board



Joy in the Harvest



CHRISTIAN HOPE IN MIDST OF WAR

Refugee Pastors' Conference 2001

... the members of Christ's church agree in so many things, yet there are some things wherein they differ: but this should breed no difference of affection among them, since they are all derived from the same bountiful author and designed for the same great ends...

All to whom Christ has given grace, and on whom he has bestowed his gifts (though they are of different sizes, different names, and different sentiments, yet), ought to love one another.

from *Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible: Eph 4*

Joy in the Harvest sponsored and hosted a week long conference for refugee pastors from Burundi.

Since 1993 civil war in Burundi has resulted in countless deaths and

hundreds of thousands of refugees living in camps in Tanzania. This seminar gave the refugee ministers a break from the drudgery of the camps and served as a time of spiritual learning and refreshment.

52 Pastors representing 21 denominations and church groups attended in Kigoma.

Joy in the Harvest was granted permission to bring the pastors from the camps to Kigoma. We provided transportation, food, housing, Bibles, and other necessities. Missionaries from four different denominations led worship services and taught sessions. This conference could prove strategic for the future spiritual direction of Burundi. Please pray for Burundi and its suffering people. ✠

→ CHECKLIST →

☺ Address:

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☺ Important Correction of E Mail address:

Our new e mail address given in the March newsletter was in error. Our new e mail address is:

wertz@africaonline.co.tz

Our old e mail address (**Wertz@MAF.org**) will only forward messages to our new address until the end of August, 2001.



WORKERS FOR THE HARVEST

For the past five months we have been blessed to have Claudia's mother, Patricia Wiesner, staying with us in Kigoma.

This is Pat's third trip to Tanzania and her fifth trip to Africa. Before retirement she worked as a professional cook at Teletype Corporation. It was a great help having her in the kitchen. Part of a missionary's ministry is having



Mom Wiesner cooking up a storm

guests and our guests never had it so good! Mom Wiesner is a prayer warrior and living in Africa gives her a lot to pray about! Since her husband, Roy, passed away in 1998, Mom has been able to spend the winters with us. She has two children, Richard and Claudia, and five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Mom is a member of the First Baptist Church of Oregon, IL. ✠



RECENT DIGITAL SNAPS

From Our Scrapbook



“Really Gram, this will work!”



Burundi Refugee Pastors' Conference Delegates



Youth Sunday — the youth preached and cooked the meal



13 pounds of pure fight

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



Is There Anything I Can Do?

Q. Mission prayer and support is very important to us... if there is anything I may do for you, let me know.
from Indianapolis, IN

A. Missions is more dependant on the attitudes of the heart than on actions. God looks on the heart. The earnestness of His servants to do a good job results

in spiritual fruit. And people, too, can read our hearts and attitudes toward them like the headlines of a newspaper. Attitude is everything.

Before I became a missionary it was my desire to help missionaries. Through that involvement God called me to missionary service. In our 21

years as missionaries we have seen God at work. It amazes me how we can trace the good things happening here on the mission field to someone's right heart attitude back home. I know God is going to bless you and use you in His work. Are there needs? Many. On the top of my list are folks with a heart for God. ✠

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light... they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest." Isaiah 9:2,3