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CPM CONFERENCE

What happened to summer? Isn't it hard to believe the summer is already over? Kids are back to school and teachers have to work once more. Just as in America, time flies by in Rwanda.

The big event this month has been the Church Planting Movement conference. The missionaries here were extremely busy preparing for this event. It didn't help either that Kenya Airways went on strike when most people were traveling and caused many attendees to be stranded all over Africa. But thanks be to God, everyone made it safely, with a turnout of 18 different nations in attendance (see photo below).

It will be hard to summarize what all we learned in such a small space, but let me first say that David Watson did a great job challenging us for 5 straight days. God used David to help our team to rethink mission and our role here as missionaries. Some things that impacted me were:

- God is Master Teacher: He doesn't need me to do His work; however, God does choose to use people like me.
- I'm not the answer man: too often I've taken the role of authority, but the Bible is to have ultimate authority.
- Simple Bible studies: I tend to make Bible study too complicated. Let the text speak for itself.

- Obedience & Knowledge: We have always placed a high value on accumulating more knowledge, however this does not always lead to obedience. God has called us to obey His word.

More could be said but these are just a few of the nuggets I walked away with. After the conference, David Watson stayed for another week and met with the Rwandan missionaries. He spent two of those days with us in thinking about a strategy for the entire nation of Rwanda. Could God really use His people in Rwanda to have countless disciples in the area surrounding Rwanda by 2020? Only God is able. Let me end by saying there is a definite air of excitement here as we continue to discuss and dream about our work here.

PRAYER REQUESTS

PETE'S CONTINUED HEALTH AND GROWTH

LANGUAGE LEARNING LESSONS

REST AFTER OUR BUSY SUMMER

GOD'S DIRECTION AND LEADING IN THE DISCUSSIONS AHEAD AFTER THE CPM WORKSHOP



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We have had so many blessings in our home this past month. We have had visitors from Mozambique, Zambia, Tanzania, Burundi, Uganda, & the States all stay with us. Some were faces we knew and others were new to us. We are so thankful to have times when we are refreshed and uplifted by friends who are either fresh from the States or coming from other works in Africa. We spent many hours visiting, playing games and sharing meals together. It was a busy time, but each of our guests were easy to host and low maintenance.

We have also been so thankful that Pete has had the experience to see so many new people in our home. He has been friendly, flexible and a joy to everyone who has visited us. We never expected to expose him to so many new people once we moved here, but we have been blessed with more

REBECCA'S NOTES

It seems that the dust has officially taken over. With dry season in full force for almost 3 months now, we have a coating of fine, powdery dust on us most all the time. The screens on our windows, keep out most of the flies and mosquitoes, but the flour-like dust creeps incessantly into our house. I only thought we had dust in West Texas, but it seems to be so much more evasive here. Even the trees & bushes have turned a reddish-brown from the layer of clay on them. Pete doesn't have a shirt that is stain-free around the collar, where his slobber has mixed with dust and made mud! Though we do make some efforts to guhanagura ivumbi (to dust), we will wait for the rains to settle the dirt, until we do a thorough cleaning.

As we wait for the days of rainy season to refresh us and bring things back to life, we have learned many valuable lessons. This drought has taught us many practical things like how to shower in less than 2 gallons of water, which plants/veggies can survive on minimal water, and how to use laundry/dish water to flush toilets and wash our car. We have also learned valuable spiritual lessons as well. We have always had just what we needed for each day.

visitors in our home here in Africa, than we ever did in Lubbock. What a pleasant surprise!

I cannot talk about all these visitors without mentioning & thanking my two boys. Heath and Pete were a huge help in every way. When it comes to piles of dirty dishes, Pete washes and Daddy dries! I am so thankful for them both.



Norm & Sue Meyers came to visit for a week, along with Duane Jenks, the Missions Minister at RHCC.

We have received water at just the right times, either from friends or from the city. We have learned that we certainly do not "need" as much water as we are accustomed to having. And just as the dust keeps coming and we keep cleaning, so our Savior daily wipes and cleans us, making us pure and spotless.



*Swinging is too fun!
Anybody want to come give me
a push?!*