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Prayer points:

- For Burundi's future missionaries—that the Burundian Church would be guided by God in how to send them well.
- Grace and wisdom for Alison as she finalises her dissertation and writes the Islamics' assignments.
- Paul's studies to be a joy and blessing; that he would know God's help in structuring his essays.
- Safe delivery of our baby, plus good bonding and that we'll adjust well to being a family.
- Our new house near All Nations to be a blessing to the All Nations' students living in it and likewise for our house in Burundi.

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Mission work has been compared to an army. Only a few will fight on the front line, yet for each one of them, there needs to be 8 others in support, providing logistics, communications, transport, the list goes on. The truth of this came home when we met with some future Burundian missionaries on our visit to Nairobi. These are pioneers, exploring how to make missions possible from the churches of East Africa. These so to speak are the front line soldiers: but they are all too often alone. It is becoming clear that there is a real need for those who'll come behind, sending, supporting, praying and strategizing. The whole

Family update

Alison has been working flat out to complete her final MA assignments and dissertation on African mission movements. She was all ready to submit her thesis a couple of weeks' ago, only to discover that the word count had included the footnotes—so she was 2,500 words short! As you can imagine it was pretty disappointing. She's been given an extension, some

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church needs to be involved in mission.

Please pray for P@ssie, Herm*s and their now 3 children, who've since moved back to Burundi and are living as our guests in our rented house there until we return in March. They believe that God is calling them to share the Gospel in unreached communities of N Afric@. They are needing to build up just such a support network from the Burundian church. Pray that they can be sent out by their own church and for them as a family to be guided as they wait for God's timing to move to North Africa. Pray too for their son Joe, needing to adapt from an English to a French speaking school.

Please pray too for Clement and his wife. His

great advice and hopes to re-submit within the next week. Then all that remains is two assignments of the Islamics module which can be submitted by Christmas if need be.

Paul, as some of you may know, not found essay writing easy. We had expected this would be a testing year especially with the more challenging 'contextual theology' track.

church in Burundi has commissioned him to develop missions sending. People like Clem*nt are finding solutions to obstacles that seem impossible to us. We heard his dream to take a team to South Sudan to learn Arabic... and then go North. How we asked? By public bus it seems. He pointed out that he and his wife had travelled 3 days by bus from Burundi to Nairobi. Sudan is just a few more days! African missionaries are going to work out their own ways.

Please pray for these few voices in the Burundian Church, that they would be igniting a vision for God's work across the continent.

He's been advised to extend his time for working on assignments at All Nations until March, when we expect to return to Burundi.

Our baby is due 3 weeks' today, though Alison is praying for an extra week. Incredibly we've been passed on more clothes for 0-6 months than our baby could wear, plus a 'travel system'.