

# Mission Rwanda



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Dear Marilynn,

There is such a flurry of activity these days as we prepare for our departure to the field, its almost hard to capture all the things that are going on. In this newsletter you can read about the container packing, the status of our fundraising, and some of the ministry that we are looking forward to beginning this fall, Lord willing.

## The container has landed ...

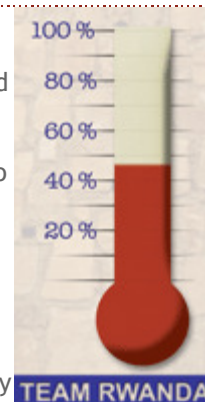
Just over two weeks ago, the 40 foot container touched down at Evangel Church, Kelowna. Packing has been an adventure - I can only describe it as a giant 3D puzzle! Thankfully, my dad, Kurt has experience in such matters and we have both been meticulously putting the puzzle together. At the moment, we are awaiting some appliances and A/V equipment to fill the last few feet.



## Team Rwanda update ...

Again, we want to thank those who have come on board in partnering with us. With your help, we have raised most of the start-up funds which will go toward A/V equipment and a vehicle. Right now we need to get our monthly support up to about 75% of our annual budget before we are permitted to head off to Rwanda. We are trusting God that the word will spread. We are so close!

As noted last month, if you have mentioned or pledged to join us and want to get on board with automatic monthly contributions, you can now do it by filling out this [Monthly Commitment Form](#) or simply call the PAOC International Missions office to get set up @ (905)542-7400 (ask for Charlene Mitchell). If you wish to give a one time gift, you can do that online through [PAOC](#).



Thanks again for your partnership in this amazing journey that God has planned to continue to reap a harvest for God's Kingdom in Rwanda.

## God provides a vehicle ...

Every step of this journey for us seems to be a step of faith. A few weeks ago, we began in earnest to look for a vehicle to take with us in the container. The cost and availability of good working vehicles in Rwanda makes it next to impossible to secure. It is cheaper to purchase a used vehicle here and pay shipping and duties on the other end, than

to purchase one there (if one can be found).



Last week, we found a 2000 Toyota 4Runner locally that met the criteria we were looking for; affordable, used and excellent condition. When we went up to look at it and after mechanical inspection, we made an offer which was immediately accepted. The owner

couldn't figure out why it hadn't sold after several people had looked at it with great interest. We know! God provides.

### **Ministry has its unexpected challenges ...**

We had just placed our order for 220V appliances from Toronto, when we received an email from Elmer and Sherry Komant saying that their kitchen had caught fire while they were at a leadership retreat. The kitchen stove had caught fire because of a power surge, igniting some of the cupboards. Thankfully, the fire was put out before it could spread to the rest of the house.



As unfortunate as it was, we were able to add another stove to our order and will be able to squeeze it onto the container which should be leaving next week. We are thankful that this incident wasn't the disaster that it could have been and that Elmer and Sherry are safe.

We hope the the next newsletter we send will be either with tickets in hand or from Kigali. We are looking forward to sharing great stories of God's faithfulness as we follow His leading.

**Blessings,**

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