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# Bustin' With News

## Ministry Update from the Bustins

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*Rwanda*



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### In Canada: Recovering, Re-connecting & Researching

This time in Canada was not something that we planned but God is using this medical leave to bring blessings into our lives. Let's begin with the reason we are in Canada in the first place: my (Darrell's) back. On July 22nd I had surgery on my back. Believe it or not, it was day surgery! Amazingly we arrived at the hospital at 7:00 in the morning, and we were home by 5:00 that night! The doctor had said that I would know immediately if the surgery was a success. And he was right. Naturally the incision area was sore, but the constant pain in my back, hip and leg were basically gone! We are so grateful to God for the healing I've experienced. A couple of weeks ago, I had my 3-month check-up with the surgeon. And it went very well! After 3 years of coping with a bad back and all its limitations, I have now been given the green light to "live normally". Any discomfort still being felt is left-over from all that has happened. The restrictions are gone. He wants me to exercise well and use my back wisely (like everyone should). To suddenly be allowed to lift again seems very strange – not just for me but for the whole family.

During this "recovery phase", I have had the opportunity to work hard at my Doctor of Ministry thesis. Before this, it seemed that whenever I would begin to work seriously on my thesis, my back would act up. But now that I am usually pain-free, I am able to use the time to dedicate myself to this effort. So hopefully we'll be able to see some major progress on my thesis during these closing weeks of 2015. Meanwhile, Laura Lee has been able to visit a number of women's missionary groups to update them on CBM's ministry in Rwanda. It is always exciting to share what God is doing there.



So plans to return to Rwanda on Dec. 28 are a "go". It is such a wonderful blessing to be basically free of pain, looking forward to fully engaging in the ministry once we return to Kigali.

We are aware of the many, many people who have prayed for us during this long journey, especially over the last number of months. We deeply appreciate everyone who has stood beside us in this way. Wherever we go, people have continued to ask about my back. That genuine concern by so many people has truly been a blessing in our lives.

### And Now a Word For Our Sponsors

In addition to all the prayers that have been offered up on our behalf, we are aware that our ministry in Rwanda continues to be regularly supported financially by many individuals, groups and churches. The generosity which we have witnessed year after year has truly reflected the generous heart of our heavenly Father.

One of the challenges for our CBM budget this year has been the extra expenses incurred treating my back, both while we were still in Rwanda as well as the time of medical leave in Canada. For that reason, if you feel the Spirit leading you in this way, we would ask you to consider an increase in your regular giving or even a special gift as we finish off this year. Our hope is to be able to close that gap between budget and expenses during November and December. Please know that whatever you are able to contribute toward this ministry is deeply appreciated.

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