



Dear Friend,

The air is crisp and cool and the Thibodeauxs are back to homeschooling... it must be fall! Jordan begins 3rd grade this year, Michaela is in 1st grade and Zach is enrolled in his sister's preschool class from 9:00 to 9:45am each morning! Jordan and Michaela take turns spending time with their brother each day, as I (Debbie) homeschool the other girl. Jordan is enjoying teaching her little brother during her time with him — and most days Zach enjoys it, too.

Since our last newsletter, Mike had the opportunity to preach at our home church, Greater Gresham Baptist on August 27th-28th. Continuing a series in James that was started by our pastor, Keith Evans, Mike preached on James 5: 1-11 — *A Christian's Action When Oppressed: Pray, Be Patient, Establish Your Heart, Stop Groaning, Imitate the Prophets*. Many members commented on the message, with one describing the message as "courageous, strengthening and encouraging." Another said the message reminded him "to be aware of how I react to adversity and how those reactions can affect those around you." You can watch Mike's message online at www.vimeo.com/simplicityministries.

On August 10th, Mike gave a report on his Rwanda mission trip at Open Door Baptist Church. Open Door is a faithful *Simplicity Ministries* partner, and it was a wonderful night of sharing with them about the many lives changed by God's hand during Mike's trip. Because of churches like Open Door Baptist and partners just like you, we are able to continue to carry the name of Christ around the Northwest and around the globe.

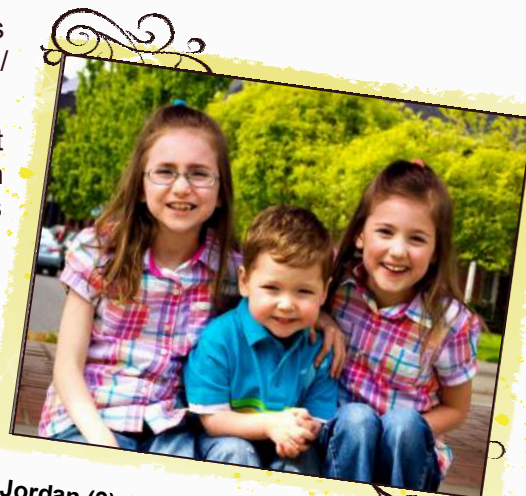


Upcoming Ministry Events

- Sept. 16-18 Oak Harbor Southern Baptist—Oak Harbor, WA Youth Retreat & AM Worship
- Oct. 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2 Open Door Baptist Church Wednesday Adult Bible Study
- Oct. 14 Open Door Christian Acad., Chapel
- Nov. 4-5 Terrace Heights Baptist Yakima, WA—Men's Retreat

Every Monday Night: Men of Simplicity
Fall dates available!

For a complete schedule go to
www.simplicityministries.org



Jordan (9), Zach (2) & Michaela (7)

May 25th — June 9th, 2012, Mike will return to Rwanda in partnership with ERM Rwanda (ermrwnda.org) and plans to take a full team of short term volunteers! On that trip, the majority of the team will head to the southern region of Rwanda to Butare. Our present plans for the mission are to:

1. conduct a *Simple Evangelism* Conference for pastors and church leaders in Butare and a men's conference in Ruhengeri;
2. lead an evangelistic crusade in Butare;
3. use *The Hope* video for evangelistic outreach in Butare;
4. conduct personal follow-up visits after the crusade and video culminating in launching a church plant in Butare;
5. do evangelistic preaching in schools in Butare and Ruhengeri, including the Military Cadet School;
6. do light construction and clean up at the sites of a new church building and the new ERM Vocational Training Center in Butare.

If you have an interest in participating in this mission, please call or contact Mike via email, Facebook or Twitter. Projected individual costs for the trip are \$3,300—\$3,700.

Please pray for *Simplicity*, specifically that God will open opportunities for ministry for the next 12 months and for His financial provision. We continue to "thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given us strength, that he considered us faithful, appointing us to his service (adapted from 1 Tim. 1:12).

Simply Devoted,
Debbie and Mike