



TenTalents

INTERNATIONAL



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“NOW IS THE TIME”

Mike feels like God is saying, “now is the time”. First of all, “now is the time” for Rwanda. There is a window of opportunity available for Christians to minister and share God’s grace with the people of Rwanda. The people are ready and willing to hear, and the government is agreeable to the work Christian organizations are doing in their country. The US, and the rest of the world, may have turned their backs on Rwanda during the genocide of 1994, but right now we can & should do something to make a difference in hearts and lives, and by God’s grace we will.

Secondly, Mike feels that God is saying, “now is the time” for him to work full time for the ministry of Ten Talents International. Mike’s goals in doing the ministry full time will be to have the time to connect more churches and individuals with the opportunities available to make a difference across the world. He also will have the time to spend planning for the ministry that will occur in future mission trips. We appreciate your prayers in this new chapter of our family life, (continued on back...)

THE EMPRESS PALACE



“You Are Invited”

Rob and Becky Neuschwander, owners of the Empress Palace, have offered to host a fundraising banquet for Ten Talents International. The Empress Palace is a 13,000 square foot French-Italian Renaissance palace. It is situated on a seven-acre estate overlooking the Columbia and Lewis Rivers with Portland lights in the distance. The front garden court features enormous Corinthian style columns supporting a massive portico with arched and coffered ceilings, and a stunning marble entryway with a 40-foot high rotunda. You can learn more about the Empress Palace at www.EmpressPalace.com. This will be a very special evening with a fantastic dinner provided, as well as special music by Shawn & Tasha Lewis. (continued on back...)

RECENT TRIP TO RWANDA

Our April 25th - May 10th trip to Rwanda was a great success. We worked with *Evangelical Revival Ministries* and *Africa New Life Ministries*, both in Rwanda. Both organizations minister to orphans and widows. We installed water purification systems. There are now 5 water purifiers that we have installed in Rwanda providing clean drinking water for thousands of people. We also worked with the *Pentecostal Churches of Rwanda* (through *ERM*) to distribute about 600 *New Life Workbooks* and 100 Bibles in the language of Ikiyarwanda. Part of our team spent several days visiting church members and their neighbors. In the evenings we would return to the churches for service. Throughout this trip we encouraged pastors, prayed for the sick, lead people to Christ, loved on orphans, played with and fed street children, worked on water purification systems, and preached at churches. We also delivered shoes, goats, clothes, *New Life Workbooks*, Bibles, and food. We built lasting relationships and had a great time. The team of 15 members from 5 different churches worked together so well, it seemed we had all worked together for years.

BRYAN DAVENPORT

Bryan Davenport is our pastor at Bethel Church in Vancouver, WA. He also serves on the board of Ten Talents International as the Executive Vice-President.

What an honor it is to partner and serve with the McColm family in friendship, in our local church, and with Ten Talents International. I have listened to Mike's heart-beat for this ministry since it began. It is amazing how God has affirmed this dream as *His Calling*. God's Hand is on the McColm family and I am thrilled to cooperate with His Hand by praying for, supporting financially, and serving Ten Talents. I know that God will do exceedingly abundantly above all we desire or dream for His Glory (Eph. 3:20). I appreciate and encourage your support of Ten Talents International and my friends (heroes) the McColms.



"NOW IS THE TIME" CONTINUED...

as we look to God to provide for our family through donations to Ten Talents International. We will be "kicking off" this new phase in ministry through a fundraising banquet to be held at the Empress Palace in Woodland, WA. (See "You Are Invited" article.) Mike will be able to share more of his heart and vision for the ministry at this event. If you would like more information, please contact us.

"You Are Invited" CONTINUED...

Speakers will include Mike McColm, Lisa McColm, Rob Neuschwander, Bryan Davenport, and Emmanuel Sitaki. There will be door prizes that evening, and the first 100 people to order their tickets will also be entered into a drawing for a free night at the Oregon Coast! Please mark your calendars: it's September 9th, 2007 at 7pm, and watch for an invitation from the Empress Palace to be coming soon.

ORPHAN SPONSORS NEEDED

Evangelical Revival Ministries has been working in the country of Rwanda to help widows and orphans. *ERM* finds sponsors for orphans and places them in the home of a widow who otherwise could not afford to take care of them. By sponsoring the child you are blessing both an orphan and a widow. Currently, *ERM* has 400 children who are waiting to be sponsored. Please contact us, or visit www.ERMwanda.org to find out more. We also are in need of people, churches, or businesses who will provide a monthly sponsorship of the Faith Home or Kanombe Home, through *Africa New Life Ministries*, to help underwrite the operating costs of these homes for former street children.



WHOLE FAMILY

Praise God for providing for the McColm family to go on this past trip. We have wanted to be able to go as a family for a few years now and we were finally able to do it this year. Thank you to all of those who prayed for us. The kids did great the whole time (even on the long plane rides) and Lisa is now as in love with the people of Rwanda as I am. Together we will continue to do all that we can to see that some day every child has a home.

CURRENT EVENTS

- We are looking for opportunities for Mike to share with your congregation. We have some great Power Point presentations and a slide show that are sure to be enjoyed. Just talk to your pastor, or if you would prefer, we will contact them with you as a referral.
- Our website has been updated and now you can download a brochure or check out one of the Power Point presentations. We also have a link for you to donate via Paypal. Just go to: www.TenTalentsInt.org

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