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Mukamurigo Perpetua recovered from a feeling of isolation

(Perpetua survived from the genocide events in Rwanda. She lost her husband, her daughter and her two brothers during the genocide events. She moved from her village in Gikongoro because she wasn't sure of her security after the genocide. She is now living in Kigali where the Government and NGOs have constructed houses for genocide survived widows. She is taking care of six kids including her 4 nephews and nieces without resources. She used to live on her work of growing farms but she can't do it in Kigali because there is no enough land).

From March 8th through 12th, a Vision Conference was held with a church called **Christ Gospel and Fellowship Church of Rwanda**. At the end of the session of Seed project planning, participants who had come from 5 different congregations of that Church planned for Seed Projects. In total 5 seed projects were planned and would be implemented before the end of March 2010.

What we are telling here below is the result of a follow up made with the Christ Gospel and Fellowship Church that works in Kigali but also from a visit we paid with the recipient. In this story you will find out that the Seed project makes impact on both sides, to the implementer and to the recipient.

On March 31st, we visited the Church and were received by Mary Ndayambaje, a deacon and accountant in the church who had led the group that implemented the Seed Project.

Mary expressed her testimony by saying the following: *"We really need to be balanced in our life. What I say includes the way we serve the Lord. We need to be spiritually nourished but also physically... We are not only called to love and live with God in a spiritual manner only... I came to realize during your training on wholistic ministry in the local church that God is concerned not only for the spiritual welfare but also for the physical and emotional. Another thing I learned and that will profoundly make change in our ministry is the Seed Project. I experienced it and noticed that it's a very important way to do evangelism. We visited a family headed by a vulnerable widow (Perpetua), mother of 2 children who takes care of 4 orphans; we were all overwhelmed by what we saw as result of the Seed project. She was so glad and glorified God for a symbolic act we did. We had brought about 10 kilos of flour of maize, 2*

kilos of sugar, 3 kilos of rice, 1 kilo of salt and soaps but with that stuff, she praised the Lord in a way that demonstrated the significance of small things done for God's glory. After we had given her the stuff, she said that there was nothing to eat that day in her home... She added that she was always wondering why people didn't visit her as they use to visit other people. Her surprise was to see people who are not members of her Church (Roman Catholic) visiting her. We realized how God takes care of our daily bread as it's stated in the prayer of the Lord. Because we had seen how happy she was and how God was praised for a small sign of love we demonstrated, we got a new vision; a burden for needy people and we elected a committee that will be leading the project within our local church. We decided to implement at least one Seed Project every month. At the end we prayed for the family and left with a plan to visit the family again."

After we (I and my wife Sifa) interviewed Mary, we felt it would be good thing if we could visit the family. In addition to the stuff we took to the family, intentionally we wanted to hear from her what she thought about the seed project implemented by the church members. This is in brief what she said: ***"I was surprised to realize that no one is forgotten by God. I was considering myself as forgotten person by the whole world since the genocide events, but I was restored in my heart, the feeling of isolation I was sensing disappeared. I discovered how God still loves me and the family. I now visit those people and feel member of their families. I got hope and peace!"***



Mary Ndayambaje reporting on Seed Project's effect



Mukamurigo Perpetua (recipient) and Sifa

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