



Rwanda December 2009- January 2010 Newsletter

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Praise and Thanks

Looking back at 2009 plans and accomplishments, we are so grateful to the Lord for His guidance, care and leading mercies. From September 2009 I wasn't feeling well. My wife, Sifa was also sick some time. But now, we are all doing fine. Our God deserves praises and glory for what He enabled us to do during all the year 2009.

We are so thankful to partners in the fields (Rwanda, Burundi and the eastern part of Democratic Republic of Congo) for cooperation. They were so helpful for us to be able to train in their respective areas.

Our thanks go to the US office for their daily concern and prayer for the ministry. Their multiple initiatives in the area of communication were so important in order to improve our way of working and sharing with colleagues and partners around the world about what the Lord has done in each field.

We can't find appropriate words to express how much we appreciate our donors and champions for their donations. ***"God is not unjust, He will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to***

help them." (Hebrews 6:10)

Activities

Planning meeting

All of December 2009 was devoted to contact Church leaders, meet them and plan. That activity includes introduction of the teaching on the approach of the wholistic ministry of the local church, emails and calls. All of our contacts are available for 2010 plans.

Vision Casting

We have held short Vision casting events for about 3 to 4 hours with each and respective location: 36 Pastors from Shyogwe Anglican Diocese (Rwanda province of South), 40 people from 7 different denominations of Butare local churches` (here the majority came from the Butare Anglican diocese in the Southern province) and 8 senior pastors from 8 different denominations of Kabarondo local churches (Eastern province of Rwanda).



Butare vision casting conference

Teaching Anglican Bible School in Shyogwe

This has always been my favorite activity in the area of teaching and training. From January 25 through 29, we devoted 30 hours in class and about 10 assignment hours on assessment, planning, implementing activities and reporting in the area of community development. Students had time to visit vulnerable people in communities around the Anglican station, learned to interact with them and offered some supports including soap, school materials and manpower. See the team of students here below working to help Mukandanga Josephine, a widow, to have latrine (toilet). Josephine is 57 years old, widow since 1994. The students and their principal committed to work until the latrine will be completely built.

Josephine was using a latrine from a neighboring home. She was always frustrated for not having hers.



Mukandanga Josephine's home (above) and Students working to dig to provide Josephine with a latrine

Prayer requests

Pray for our 2010 upcoming training events. We are preparing for Burundi training by next week, February 9-12, 2010 and Uvira/DRC 16-19.

Pray for God's wisdom in all areas of training (especially in mentorship),
Pray for a stronger health in 2010. Pray for travel mercies as we plan to attend Harvest Staff conference.