



Rwanda March 2010 Newsletter

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Dear Encouragers,

We greet you in the mighty name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are pleased to let you know that we daily mention you in our prayer. The Lord is faithful. He will bless you, all your plans and businesses. He promised to be with us always to the very end of times!

Dear, we always see you in all we do and that gives us encouragement and strength in our daily work. God bless you richly!

We are please to put down here below few words just to let you know how the Lord has guided us during the months of February and March, 2010.

Let me start with the family.

In February our two younger children and sons: Bienvenu Joseph, 13 year old and Bob Sam, 3 year old were under malaria attack. Bienvenu Joseph is currently studying in secondary school in Gitarama(about 60 kilometers from our home). He stays at a boarding school. While he was weak, the school headmaster asked us to take him back home until he feels better. After two days, he asked us to take him back to school. He is now doing well. One or two days after, Bob was admitted in hospital for two days what kept Sifa so busy. Now, they are doing well. We praise the Lord for an intensive care He provided to both of them so that we have time to serve others.

In March, the health situation did change for better for Bienvenu and Bob, but Aimee our fifth child and Jeanne, an orphan who stays with us fell sick from their respective boarding schools and were sent home for medical treatment. They are still with us at home but are improving.

Our third daughter, Esperance Nyiramucyo who was doing High school succeeded to the National examination and is now doing Accounting and Finances at Adventist University of Central Africa. We are really grateful to God for protecting her during all her time in secondary school. Please join our family to praise and pray God for her performance as she starts higher education.

Ministry activities

From February through March 29, 2010, God gave us to serve the following people and churches:

1. We traveled to Bujumbura in Republic of Burundi and held a Vision Casting conference with an Umbrella of 24 churches of Burundi called the Union of Christian churches of Burundi led by Bishop Nzishura Simeon who had invited us to hold a Vision Conference in October 2009 with his congregations in Gitenga (Burundi).

We were supposed to hold a Vision Conference in Bujumbura but we couldn't for two reasons: poor logistics and small number in attendance. So we did hold a 2-day Vision Casting for 16 church leaders who attended the conference and planned for another event before the end of 2010 for a Vision Conference.

2. From March 8 through 12, we did train people from a church called Christ Gospel and Fellowship Church in Kigali. 36 people of the church had come from different congregations: Bugesera (East of Rwanda), Ruhengeri (North of Rwanda) and Kigali. This church was so impressive to us. It was so well organized and very receptive. The Senior Pastor, Mutabazi Francis had attended the two first vision conferences that took place in Kigali in 1998 and 1999 which were taught by Bob and Darrow. He has also a back ground of Youth with a Mission. We did appreciate so much his encouraging response and commitment to strengthen the vision within his respective congregations.



Vision conference with Christ Gospel Church in Kigali



Small group discussion

3. From March 16 through 18, a Vision Casting conference was organized in Kabarondo (eastern province of Rwanda). 85 people from 12 different church backgrounds attended the conference; they were coming from rural areas. We didn't want to use the Power Point projector during our first sessions of the first day because of our prejudice but we did change the second day. We were amazed by the degree of attention of those people to the teaching.

While we were supposing to have difficulty to make them understand the materials, we were rather surprised to see that they understood more easily than what we expected. We praise the Lord for what they expressed as insights from our teaching. Seed projects were planned. We will follow up the accomplishment.



4. From 22 through 24 a Training of Trainers and Mentorship event was held in Kigali for grass root trainers from all Rwanda provinces (5 five provinces of Rwanda). The event was purposely organized to sharpen the teaching skills of those we trained before, to fellowship with them, to strengthen the network with the provinces and continue to follow up and monitor the progress of the ministry activities within their respective entities.

During the three days of meeting, a shorter than expected time, we covered the contents of our teaching materials, the main objectives of a training, lesson format and Evaluation checklist, application guidelines, teaching methodology and ended with teaching practice, suggestions and recommendations.

We had time to share and enjoying food together and discussing about how to improve for an effective work.

Participants recommended we will organize another event and meet people in their respective provinces separately to learn how to help each one in his context.

During our morning devotions, some people among trainees got time to share their thoughts for the Harvest ministry momentum. It was a blessing to hear from each one of them what God had put in their heart to tell to the team. Let me share what Pastor Thaddeus Bihembe shared from Matthew 9: 36-38. From the message of Jesus on how to increase the number of workers for the harvest, Pastor Thaddeus came up with 5 things for the Harvest momentum: 1.

Presence of **devoted people**, 2. **Sustain** the devoted people through training or material things, 3. **Supervise** the achievement of commitment, 4. **Encourage or Sympathize** and 5. **Advocate** for the ministry. After his reflection, we prayed for the Lord to send more devoted people and increase number of people with the heart of the ministry. We believe that God will accomplish this as it's in His promise to be achieved before the End.

Sharing lunch during the TOT/Mentorship



Practicing teaching



Pastor Speciose Mukashema teaching



Ms Monique Umurungi practicing teaching

Praise and Prayer request

We praise our Faithful God for the care to the Family. Without it, we couldn't be able to do what we were enabled to accomplish.

We praise Him for His great love to make me and you coworkers with Jesus Christ for the Kingdom advancement. This is my daily praise!

Pray for our trip to and fro Phoenix and for the Harvest staff conference. The trip is so long but our desire is to cover the distance to meet you all and give you a hug of Love.

Be blessed!!!! Presented by Jacob