



September 2010 Newsletter for Rwanda done by Jacob

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Dear Encouragers,

I'm writing from Morogoro-Tanzania where I was teaching the Church Development for Community transformation with Youth With A Mission from September 27th through October 1st. I'm planning to go to Dar es Salaam on Monday 4th to have my bus for my trip back home. The bus travels twice a week: every Saturday from Kigali to Dar es Salaam and every Wednesday from Dar es Salaam to Kigali. While relaxing and waiting for my bus, it's my pleasure to have the opportunity to put down and send you the update of our ministry.

Thank you so much for all your supports to advance God's Kingdom through our ministry. May God bless you abundantly.

I'm so grateful to the Lord Jesus for His grace during my trip to Morogoro/Tanzania. I made it safely and enjoyed also my time with YWAM people. It was a long trip of about 20 or more hours aboard a bus and it looked longer because of the conditions of the bus.

Let me go to the objectives the Lord gave us to accomplish in September 2010. During September 2010, God allowed us to:

- 1. Facilitate a Vision Conference with 37 local churches in Makamba/Burundi in collaboration with a Christian Ministry called Rema Ministries.***
- 2. To visit Uvira in the Democratic Republic of Congo with a forum of local churches in order to follow up the Vision Conference done in July 2010.***
- 3. To teach Youth With A Mission in Morogoro/Tanzania.***

Makamba/Burundi Vision Conference

Makamba area is located in the southern east of Burundi and boards with Tanzania. It's at 160 kilometers from Bujumbura the capital city of Burundi.

The Vision Conference took 4 long days of training, but was a very wonderful time for both attendees and facilitators. The participants'

response was so encouraging. For all participants, it was like a new revelation and people were asking why that hasn't come before. Our answer was that the right time is now and not before. I liked what the Director of Rema Ministries said to conclude with the training: ***"Go and do it now..."*** We are praying to God to give more insights to those 56 people that attended the Conference so they are able to be triggers of God's Kingdom in their respective communities.



Uvira Vision Conference Follow up A Vision Conference for Uvira was held on July 19-22, 2010. Seed projects were planned during the event by all represented local churches. We had to visit the group of churches to follow up on achievements and encourage them to carry on other projects and make them to be their churches lifestyle.

Only 25 pastors and church leaders out of 52 participants expected came during the follow up meeting on September 14, 2010.



From the represented churches, there was much to be encouraged. Their testimonies about what they were able to achieve was really great. I praised the Lord because He is at work in all communities where He sends us and because His word will always be fruitful. (See above Women's ministry leader testifying how Luke 2: 52 made a big

difference in her Church). Praise Lord.

Training with Morogoro Youth With A Mission The number of trainees with YWAM has always been small. But my pleasure and expectation have always been bigger than the number when I take into consideration the number of nations represented. In Morogoro, the team I worked *with was* composed of 12 people from 8 nations. We had 2 people from Zambia, 1 from U.K, 1 from USA, 1 from Nicaragua, 3 from Tanzania, 2 from Kenya, 1 from Uganda and 1 from Zimbabwe.



After the training, students had to plan and implement Seed projects (see planning papers on the picture above). The first was to Dig and Clean a garbage in one of the communities to prevent people from diseases and teach also the community to avoid filthiness that causes disease in the community. The second was to put indicators and paint them on the road to show bridge so that people don't come off the road, especially during night time.

Family News On September 6, 2010, I with Sifa celebrated our 25th Year of marriage. We continue to praise the Lord for that very significant period of time of enjoying the life together. I was advised to not say that period in century as I was saying it's a $\frac{1}{4}$ of a century. Yes, it's 2 and $\frac{1}{2}$ decades. Join us to praise the Lord and pray to bless us with many more years as the life of a family is worthy to be lived.

Prayer requests Please pray for my trip back to Rwanda and for my 2 day time in Dar es Salaam waiting for my bus. Pray for our planning time. We are praying and making contacts with people for next year work plan. Pray for God's direction and wisdom. Pray for a future plan with Rema Ministries for Burundi.