



Rwanda Newsletter for January 2011 done by Jacob

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Dear Encouragers,

We always remember with owe and love your continued and loving support for our ministry as well as for our families. God bless you for your dedication. "Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 1:3 (NIV)

I. Training Ministry

We praise the Lord Jesus for His eternal great love for us and for entrusting us with His ministry. We had to train twice in Burundi during the month with Rema Ministries but the training event was postponed for a further date. We believe God will enable them to arrange for that training event. After the Burundi training was postponed, we responded to an invitation from a group of pastors working in the refugee camp of Kiziba/Rwanda.

Vision Conference at Kiziba Refugee Camp

The Camp has about 18,000 people from Northern and Southern Kivu provinces of DR Congo. They have 16 different local church denominations in the camp.

During four intensive days of training, we have held a Vision Conference for 30 pastors working with churches among the refugees. There wasn't problem of logistics as we were thinking before. There was willingness and things went smoothly, praise the Lord.

During the four days of training, I was under flue attack and had to spend some time on my bed before I substituted for Dominic Rwampfizi who taught with me during the Vision Conference. God was so merciful; He strengthened me up to the end of our training event.

See picture of the Refugee Camp and our group photo



The session on Seed project was their favorite for two reasons:

1. They used to do Seed project without knowing the real reasons (wholistic evangelism and freedom from dependency).
2. They have learned to work systematically and efficiently on Seed project. They now know how to write a plan of implementation. The plan of implementation can also help for other projects. They wished we go back to upgrade the teaching.

II. Project of Abandoned Children at Saint Antoine Orphanage/Nyanza-Rwanda

Last month, we received funds to support one of the Centers for abandoned kids. After assessment in the region, the Saint Antoine was chosen to benefit from the grant due to a big number of supported and hosted children.

We are so thankful to donors who contributed with funds to minister to the abandoned kids from the orphanage center. With their funds, the orphanage was able to purchase different items including 500 kilos of rice, 1,297 kilos of beans, 200 kilos of sugar and 1,000 kilos of flour of maize, exercise books and pens. The eating items bought for the center will serve for 70 days to 86 kids of the center.

The Manager of the Center wrote the following in his thank you note: “Your gesture of kindness and solidarity is a message of God’s love that He manifests to people and in particular to small ones and vulnerable... Your help is an answer of love to sensitive and vital problems of children. We are so grateful and lift a prayer of praise to God because “the Lord has done wonderful things to us.”

We would like to encourage each person willing to demonstrate God’s love towards the small ones like those children at Saint Antoine Orphanage. Jesus said: “The King will reply, I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me”. Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

At Saint Antoine Orphanage Center in Nyanza

Kids’ photo and the purchased items



III. Praises and prayer requests

Pray for the effectiveness of the Vision Conference in the refugee camp. There are many vulnerable people in the Camp who should benefit from the training to see Demonstration of God's Love. Pray for upcoming training, for wisdom and enough strength.

Jacob

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Include a note with the check designating the funds to "(Jacob/Rwanda)".

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