



March 2011 Newsletter for Rwanda by Jacob

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Dear Encouragers

"Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving...His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor his delight in the legs of man; the Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love." Psalm 147:7-11 (NIV)

We continually rejoice to feel your real presence in our ministry through your support here. May God be gracious to you and give you peace while reading these few lines of what the Lord allowed us to accomplish. Glory be to His name!

Street Children are invited in Cyarwa parish/Rwanda for a lunch



After a training on Wholistic materials with local churches in Cyarwa/Butare in February, participants planned to demonstrate God's Love to Kids living in the streets of Tumba community. The demonstration of God's love to those kids was done on March 18th. I had the chance to be invited there during the implementation. The greatest result of that fellowship is

that one boy (Sibomana, between 14-16 years old) from 24 who came for lunch reintegrated his family one week after the event. His family home is located at around 150 kilometers from Tumba community. That boy was impacted by the testimony of a former street kid who is now an Evangelist; Mr. Cyprian Hakizimana, 28 year old who received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in 1998 after a long period

wandering on the streets of Kigali. Cyprian was invited to attend the event in order to give testimony to the street kids on how Jesus liberated him from the wanderings and alcoholic addicted.

Vision Casting Conference with BANUFER Umbrella (Born Again National Unity Fellowship in Rwanda)

BANUFER is an umbrella made of 40 different church denominations. During the Vision Casting 32 people attended the training for 2 days in Kigali from March 24 through 25. An intensive teaching was given to the group on the Role of the Church in Society combined with the Church as a Window, the Irreducible Minimum, Luke 2:52 and Development, Kingdom Math, Seed, Seed Project planning and the Transforming Story.



Seven Seed projects were planned that we will follow up.

Most of pastors who attended our training materials hadn't yet attended any of our trainings. Their response was so positive. I took note of testimonies of two pastors of

them: Rev. Tharcisse Mukiza, the

chairman of BANUFER expressed his impression about the teaching as follows: *"This teaching is so important and unique for our churches because it helps us practice the Gospel by helping the needy with what we already have instead of only talking of it. The practice of the teaching will help our churches to grow and to create friendship among church members and community members..."*

Rev. Simeon Mutabazi added the following: "It's very easy to transform the city of Kigali within a short time if we could change our mind and practice the approach of wholistic ministry for the local church. From now we will be visiting our neighborhood without discrimination. I understand that the responsibility of our church is not limited to church members but to all people God has put before us."

During a follow up call, the Pastor Simeon gave me his testimony with so much excitement about a Seed project they accomplished helping an HIV aids positive lady with food.

During that training another Pastor, Innocent Bagaragara of the Bethany Prayer Church confessed his sin publicly after he had heard the message on the Irreducible Minimum ¹, especially from Isaiah 58 and Luke 10: 25-37. It was a long story but to be brief it's about a homeless young man who came to pastor's home and asked if he could allow him to be spending nights outside in his compound. The Pastor agreed

¹ The Irreducible Minimum is loving your Neighbor like yourself

and offered him to be spending his nights there as he had requested. But during the training, the Pastor was challenged. The Pastor's challenge was that he had an extra room where he could host the boy. So after he had heard the message on the Irreducible Minimum, he came to realize that he could have allowed the boy to spend his night not outside but in the extra room. He committed to go and host him in the house. I called him later to know what he did. He let me know that not only the boy got a room but he has got also a job in butchery. Praise the Lord!

Goma/DR Congo Training of Trainers (TOT)

This is the first TOT in Goma after 3 training events of Vision conferences. 28 participants attended the TOT for two days. The training covered the following:

1. Summary of the Training Materials
2. Learning and teaching methodology (lesson format, methodologies, evaluation check list)
3. Teaching practicing in small groups and larger group. (See one participant practicing in the large group on the picture).



Our goal when teaching people on TOT is mainly to help them to master and practice the teaching within their respective churches and make the wholistic ministry theirs and thus achieve transformation of communities. The experience in Goma was that participants can do very good job if they are consistent with their commitment during the TOT.

Praise and Prayer request

I'm so grateful to our Lord for His protection, guidance during all our training travels. During this month my health was much improved.

Please pray for Rwanda. While sending this newsletter, we have started the 17th commemoration of the genocide events that culminated in killing one million of people within 100 days.