



Global Partnership Ministries

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2000% Church Growth in 15 months!



The Rusumo AIC Church was packed full to overflowing on June 24 as I had the privilege of dedicating their new church building. This makes the third church dedication in two years for which we praise the Lord. Rusumo is one of eight churches in Rwanda we've helped with funding some of the construction costs over the last few years. This is possible because of the faithful donors God has raised up to help these buildings become a reality.

There are thousands of churches needing help in Rwanda due to the many government regulations imposed upon the churches earlier this year. More than 6,000 churches still remain closed. We're grateful Rusumo is not one of the closed churches.



Since I had the honor of laying the cornerstone of Rusumo AIC Church in February 2017, the church has grown; grown mainly by conversions from 8 people to 160. More than 100 people have come to Christ since the construction began the end of August 2017. On the dedication weekend in June, the church held a small evangelistic

crusade with at least 45 people coming to faith in Christ. These new converts were baptized on July 14 (photos on right).



I also had the privilege of teaching a two-day pastor's conference at the Rusumo Church during the week before the dedication. I taught from the book of Nehemiah, sharing the many leadership

principles found in that book. By the end of the conference, I wondered whether anyone was

understanding what I had been teaching. But then, several pastors stood and expressed great appreciation and gratitude for the teachings. Afterwards my interpreter told me that during the breaks the pastors were actively talking about how the teachings were so helpful and meaningful. Praise the Lord.



Kiramuruzi AIC Church to be Dedicated!

We're thrilled to see another church building moving towards completion and plans for another church dedication. Lord-willing, we will have the opportunity to dedicate the new building for the Kiramuruzi AIC Church in Rwanda in early December. Leading up to the dedication weekend, we'll also be involved in conducting another 2-day Pastor's Conference for those in that area.



Final construction costs needed: \$1,800

Pastor's Conference support needed: \$1,500



Update on Church Closures in Rwanda

As I mentioned earlier, it's been reported 6,000 churches remain closed in Rwanda due to the many building code regulations the government instituted the end of February. Many of these churches will never reopen due to the high cost of making the necessary improvements. I'm familiar with more than two dozen churches which are closed or on probation. As the Lord provides, we will continue to help as many churches as possible get reopened. Gifts of any amount are welcome.



Preparations are under way for a major evangelistic Festival with Andrew Palau in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire the week of February 10-17, 2019.

Abidjan is a city of about 7 million and thousands of churches. Currently, we're pushing hard to mobilize thousands of pastors and

evangelical churches throughout the city. As we mobilize and prepare for the festival, we want to equip and encourage pastors and believers. The focus will be on those who are lost while seeking to build relationships with the lost in order to bring them to Christ.

Here are some major events in preparing for the Festival:

Pastor's Launch with Andrew Palau – September 13

Pastor's Conference – October 17-18

Friendship Evangelism Training – Early November

Starting in September each pastor will be encouraged to launch the festival in their church by distributing prayer cards to each believer. This will be to challenge them to list their friends who do not know Christ and to pray for them daily. This is the heart of the festival. As people engage in praying for their friends the result will be an abundant harvest.



Ntoma African Hill Nursery and Primary School

Bakery moving closer to completion

The new bakery is progressing as funds become available. Once completed, the bakery will provide baked goods for the children attending the school while also providing baked goods to be sold at local markets. This will provide income for the school. The bakery will also hire and train high school students for the trade of baking.



Remainder needed for equipment and baking ingredients: \$10,000

Individual equipment needs:

2 – commercial mixers - \$2,400 each

1 – motorbike for deliveries - \$1,175



Classroom Renovation Needed

Even though the building containing two classrooms is only a few years old, the government is requiring some renovations to be made which will bring the building up to government standards. We'd like to get the work done this November and December during the school break so they're able to use the classrooms in January at the beginning of the school year

Cost of Renovations: \$3,000

New Classroom Needed

Currently the school classes consist of Nursery grades 1-3 and Primary grades 1-2. We'd like to add grade Primary 3 beginning of the school year in January. The foundation (pictured to the right) is already laid for an additional classroom, but funds are needed to erect the remainder of the classroom.

Cost of new classroom: \$7,000



Thank You Wildwood Baptist VBS and Kids' Klub

It's been a real blessing to see more children become involved in helping the kids in Rwanda through their sacrificial giving. We're grateful for all the Kid's Klub Bible clubs who collected more than \$1,100 this past school year for the kids in Ntoma. And, now for the eighth year, the Wildwood Baptist Church VBS challenged the children to give and help at least 30 vulnerable children at the Ntoma school. This will be used to provide food, clothing, shoes, blankets, medical care, etc. They gave more than \$7,600 which also included five bicycles for bakery deliveries.

Ways You Can Help - Giving Opportunities

Here is a summary of some immediate financial needs mentioned in this newsletter plus a few others:

Ntoma African Hill Nursery and Primary School

- One new classroom – construction needs to begin by September to be completed for the start of the new school year in January – Amount needed: \$7,000
- Renovation of a current classroom to meet Rwanda government standards – Amount needed: \$3,000
- Final funds to purchase remaining equipment and ingredients to get School Bakery operational – Amount needed: \$10,000

Rwanda Church Construction

- Funds to complete several church buildings to meet government building standards
Kiramuruzi Church - \$1,800
Rusumo Church - \$1,700 – even though the church was dedicated in June, there are a few remaining items to be completed

Pastor's Conference support in Rwanda - \$1500

Bibles for youth in Rwanda - \$400



Living Hope Community Church's Rwanda Christmas Tree last Christmas raised enough money to provide 29 goats to 14 single mothers, 9 widows and 6 orphans in Rwanda.



A goat is a huge economic boost to these vulnerable people and was a great encouragement and blessing to them. All the goats were females and the first-born offspring will be given to another person in need. The goats also provide fertilizer for their gardens! Many have come Christ as a result of the gift of a goat.

Thank you, Living Hope!

Personal Note:

This has probably been our busiest year of ministry and 2019 is already beginning to fill up with many ministry opportunities. We're grateful for all those who have joined arms through prayer, finances and encouragement. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Gifts large or small, monthly or less frequent are gratefully received. We're grateful for each one who supports our ministry with prayer and donations. For your convenience, secure online giving is available by going to our website – www.globalpartnershipministries.org. You can choose to give one-time, or set-up automatic giving through your bank account or credit card. Of course, checks sent by mail are always welcomed.

Thank you for your prayers and partnership in the Gospel,

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