

17 tons of Rice, Maize Flour and the Gospel

Amazing, incredible, remarkable, miraculous! These are just a few words to describe the outpouring of response to our plea for food to be distributed among the hungry in Rwanda. The response of the people who received the food was one of wonder and gratitude!

Here are some statistics:

Number of families receiving food:	1,890
Total number of family members:	8,890
Total weight of rice and maize flour distributed:	16.59 tons

Decisions to receive Jesus as Savior: 359
People wanting to know more about Jesus: 168



People not only received food for their physical hunger, but also the Bread of Life for their spiritual emptiness and hopelessness.

Pray for the follow up and discipleship.

Four distributions were conducted over a period of a month as funds became available. We worked with several of our pastors who in turn distributed the food through numerous village churches. The food was given to the most vulnerable both in the church and others who had no connection to the church. I'm glad I wasn't the one who had to choose which families received food. This provided the churches the opportunity to have an impact upon people in the villages by showing the love of Christ and sharing the Gospel. As a result, many people made the decision to follow Christ including a number of Muslims.



Pastor Dany wrote, *"This opportunity of giving food gave us a chance to proclaim the Gospel during this difficult time of Covid 19 since we had a good number of people in*

front of us. Three days of blessing, three days of accepting Jesus Christ into their life. This couldn't have happened without this gift from our partners."

Many more people showed up than was expected. Somehow the church leaders stretched the food so no one went away empty handed. Unfortunately there were additional requests after the distributions which weren't able to be fulfilled.





On the western border, some of the recipients not only were hungry due to the restrictions of COVID-19, but they had also experienced severe flooding in early May. This caused the loss of homes and gardens which were almost ready for harvesting.

One father, a former Muslim who came to Christ a year ago, thought he was having a dream when he was called about the food. At first he didn't believe it, but it was true. He and his family were so grateful. Many shared how their children had been crying for days due to hunger. But then they were so excited and grateful when they received word that food was available.

Pastor Jean Baptiste wanted me to tell everyone thank you for the great support you provided during these difficult times. He said, *"Our hungry people have been given these gifts of food which has given people hope and for them it is an answer to their prayers."*

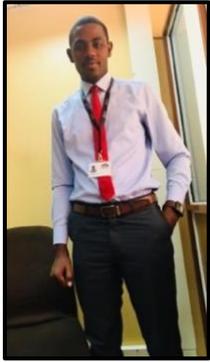
Pastor Dany wrote, *"Thank you's abounded from everyone for the gift of food for their children and families. Their families were starving, but now this gift of food is such a blessing."*

These food distributions also helped strengthen and build relationships with the some of the Executive Secretaries from the government sectors where the churches are located. The government leaders expressed great appreciation for these gifts of food given to their people. Pastor Faustin said, *"The local authorities were satisfied because this act was of great value in the community."*

The hunger situation has begun to ease in most areas of the country. Many have been able to return to work. This time of year is when gardens are being harvested. But, a few districts on the Tanzania and Congo borders are still very much restricted due to COVID cases. They are still experiencing hunger.

As of the end of May, friends of GPM had contributed more than 80% of the funds while our partnership with ETeam Global provided nearly 20%. Thank you to each person and church who gave to help these precious people in need. The people in Rwanda repeatedly expressed their gratitude to God for you. You are the ones who made it all possible because of God's great blessings.





Thank You, Sam

A huge thank you goes to our Ministry Coordinator in Rwanda, Sam Kamugisha, who did an amazing job of coordinating everything. He was able to travel with the truck to each location to ensure the food was safely delivered. Normally people were not allowed to travel outside of their district because of the COVID restrictions, but Sam was allowed.

Emmanuel, a husband and father of seven children, makes a living as a bicycle taximan transporting people and goods seven days a week. However, the COVID restrictions greatly reduced his business. Due to his regular work schedule, he has not been able to attend church. He didn't believe the church was a big family as he was told, but when he received his food he said, "I saw it. Nowadays it's very hard to see someone who can care about you and give you food in this COVID lockdown. I am very excited because the church gave me a 10 kg bag of maize flour and I thank God for this miracle through the church. This quarantine has taught me and made me believe in God and made me realize how necessary God is in every man's life."

Bibles needed

With so many responding during the food distributions, the pastors need Bibles for those who made a decision for Christ. Currently we have requests for nearly 1,200 Bibles including those who made decisions at the food distributions. If you'd like to help provide Bibles, **one Bible costs \$10.**



Rutonde AIC Church – Pray for zoning approval

Due to COVID-19, everything has been on hold for the rezoning of the Rutonde AIC Church property. Since government offices are beginning to reopen, we trust things will get back on track soon. **Please pray** for the church leaders to obtain the zoning approval so construction can begin soon.

Churches need help to get to the finish line

There are still many churches which have been closed for more than two years due to the government's building code regulations established in 2018.



Several churches which have land and a partially completed building. They need more help to meet all the code requirements to obtain permission for reopening. They're so close yet for them so far. Any help with funding is greatly appreciated.

Several churches need **\$3500 - \$4500 each** to finish.

Ministry Calendar Adjustments

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we wait upon the Lord for Him to clear the way so we may resume ministry in Africa. The *Love Malawi Festival with Andrew Palau* has been postponed until October 2021. Dates for the *Festivals of Hope* in Rwanda are still pending for sometime in 2021.

Teaching at the Forum in Nigeria to train national evangelists, helping direct a Festival in Jos, Nigeria and leading pastor's conferences are also still on hold until we can travel due to COVID-19 and the opening of borders and resumption of airline schedules.

Please pray for wisdom and clarity as to when we'll be able to safely resume these various ministries.

Cancer Journey Update

After the first two cancer treatments, the CT scan showed a 50% reduction in the cancer. The doctor said this was remarkable and very impressive. Following the fourth treatment, a CT scan was taken on June 2 which revealed the cancer decreased another 10% for a total reduction of 60%. We praise the Lord for His healing power which has brought about this great progress.

Since the third treatment the end of April, I struggled with fatigue and several other minor side effects which have all mostly ended since I'm no longer receiving the strong chemo drug. Praise the Lord! The Lord provided me with strength to endure and keep moving through the fatigue, phlebitis in alternating arms after the third and fourth treatments and some other minor side effects.

My fifth treatment was on June 4 which began the maintenance cycle. I'll continue receiving a mild chemo drug, a targeted therapy drug and an immunotherapy drug every three weeks.

The hard chemo drug during the first four treatments mostly destroyed my veins, so a port was implanted on June 22 to help make blood draws and administering the drugs easier. The surgery went well.

Please pray the cancer will continue to decrease and it won't become immune to the drugs.

We're very grateful and blessed by the outpouring of prayers from so many around the world as well as the cards, letters, messages and calls. We appreciate your continued prayers for complete healing of my lungs.

Personal Note:

We are living in troubling and challenging times, but God is still sovereign and is still on the throne and will be for eternity. During these last few months of COVID-19, tens of thousands made decisions for Christ across the USA and around the world through various online evangelistic outreaches. We know the Lord will bring glory to Himself in times like these.

We continue to be grateful for everyone who faithfully prays and gives to make it possible for us to serve Him.



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