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Dear Friend,

On May 29—June 12, *Simplicity Ministries®* and friend Joey Carrol and *ERM* founder Emmanuel Sitaki journeyed to the Eastern province of Rwanda for evangelism, follow up on last year's crusade and pastors conference, and to scout out new areas for 2014 crusades and pastors conference. This was my (Mike's) fifth trip to Rwanda.

Follow Up of Pastors Conference and Crusade

Our trip began with such an amazing blessing from the Lord as He allowed us to hear testimony from about 20 of the 170 pastors trained in *Simple Evangelism* last year in the pastors conference. These pastors reported how they had applied the teaching personally and how they had trained the people of their churches. Those equipped believers applied what they learned through *Simple Evangelism* and shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ with neighbors and others. **The result: over the last nine months from the witness of these trained Rwandans, 599 people trusted Jesus and were baptized. In addition, there were five new churches started!** The Lord allowed me to preach at one of the church plants. Ten people have already been baptized in this new church. Praising Jesus! My heart is filled with joy!

In addition, we were privileged to hear from the church planting pastor we partnered with in doing last year's crusade. He has followed up on 100 salvation decisions made during the crusade, has baptized dozens in the last few months, and has planted a church that now has 120 attending. We also heard testimonies from two people who came to faith at the crusade in September of last year. After being baptized, they were discipled using *Simple Evangelism* and each then led their spouses, as well as others, to faith in Jesus Christ. God was so good to allow us to hear these reports.

Preaching in Local Churches

One of the highlights of our trips to Rwanda is always worship with local Christian congregations. Each Sunday while in Rwanda, Joey and I were given the opportunity to preach in one of our partnering Rwandan churches. I preached with Pastor Augustine Butera translating the first Sunday. God's Spirit was working in our midst as 10 people publicly responded to the Gospel, trusting in Jesus as their Savior and Lord! On Wednesday, June 5th, I preached in a very small church meeting (about 20 people). One young man was broken over his sin and responded in faith to Jesus Christ! I was reminded as I went to bed that night of the words of Jesus " . . . I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over ONE sinner who repents." Luke 15:10. Rejoicing with heaven!

We found ourselves in the midst of another holy moment on Friday, June 7th! The Lord opened a door for me to



New believers



Preaching in Churches



1 of 5 new church plants



Pastor Follow-up



Joey sharing his testimony



3 Man team: Mike & Emmanuel & Joey



Mike and Emmanuel share Jesus with children in Rugendabari



John Baptist (center), new sewing instructor at ERM VTC Extension



Joey Carroll and children at ERM VTC Extension in Rugendabari

preach late in the afternoon at the church next door to the Vocational Training Center (VTC) Extension in Rugendabari. There was a small group of 22 intercessors. Some of them had been singing and praying in the church since 9:30 AM. I preached on forgiveness from Eph. 4:25-5:2. At the close of the service, I extended an invitation for a time of response to God's Word and confession. I was expecting a time of silent prayer or perhaps quiet verbal prayers by everyone at the same time. What happen next surprised us all. One lady stood and confessed her sin of not forgiving and of bitterness. Then for the next 35 minutes one person after another stood and confessed his or her sins (and some stood and confessed more than once). There was godly sorrow, true brokenness, and repentance. What follows true repentance is refreshment and revival. Expecting great things in this village for the glory of Christ!

The last Sunday in Rwanda, there were 15 who professed Christ as Savior and Lord and dozens who responded to the message on forgiveness, confessing their sin of returning evil for evil, and seeking the healing of the Lord Jesus for the emotional wounds of their lives. Thanking God for the privilege of sharing His Word with these brothers and sisters in Christ.

Scouting for Next Year's Mission

One of the major objectives of this year's mission trip was to find two areas in the Eastern region of Rwanda for next year's crusades. God burdened our hearts to hold these crusades in areas where there has never been a crusade before and where there is a need to plant a church. Each

190 Students Receive Bibles



crusade will have a Rwandan church planting pastor who will be partnering with us and responsible for doing follow-up after the crusade. What a joy to stand on the ground of two soccer fields (pictured left) where the crusades will be held next year. In addition, we also determined with our Rwandan partners the best location for next years pastors conference. We will once again be training 170 pastors in *Simple Evangelism* in an area that has not had a pastors conference before.

Hope Vocational Training Center (VTC) - Kabuga

On the morning before we left, I preached at the Hope VTC with Pastor Emmanuel doing an outstanding job of translating. After sharing from John 8:1-11, **63 students responded to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, trusting in Him as Savior and Lord. Each professed their faith publically!** Glory to King Jesus!

After the invitation time, students erupted in loud applause when I announced that we had a Bible for each of them in their language. Thanks to the donations of *Simplicity Ministries*® partners, we were able to distribute 190 Bibles, one to each student in the ERM program. The teens were so filled with

63 Students Trust in Jesus



joy to receive a Bible. Some began to read it immediately. Others held it as a treasure, smiling and beaming with delight.

Thank you partners for your financial investments, prayers, and support.

Simply Devoted!
Mike



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