

Calling generations of all nations to the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.

Dear Friend,

On September 28th, *Simplicity Ministries*® — with the prayer and financial support of our partners — led a mission team of five men and three women to Kayonza, Rwanda, in cooperation with the locally based ministry, ERM Rwanda. This was Mike's fourth trip to Rwanda to preach the gospel and equip pastors and leaders.

Eastern Region Pastors Conference

During the first week in nation, Mike led a pastors conference, the first of its kind in the Eastern region, for 170 pastors, pastors' wives, and other church leaders. With Emmanuel Sitaki, leader of ERM Rwanda, as his interpreter, Mike taught *Simple Evangelism* over three and a half days. [The conference was filmed, in HD digital, by team member, Kevin House. His work will be used to expand training to more pastors and leaders in the Eastern region, through partnership with national leaders.]

On the second day, pastors were challenged to go into the marketplace to meet merchants and customers, looking for opportunities to hear their personal stories and to share God's story. Ten people were led to Christ that day by those Rwandan pastors!

Thanks to the generous gifts of many *Simplicity* partners and friends, the team presented all of the pastors and leaders who attended the conference with a dress tie. These were received with extreme gratitude, one pastor expressing that for a man to own a tie is a great blessing. Many of the pastors did not yet own a tie and learned that day, for the first time, how to tie one.

During his teaching, Mike used several agricultural illustrations to emphasize to the pastors the importance of using what they were learning to equip and mobilize their members into the spiritual harvest fields of their own villages. During the closing ceremonies, Mike received a special gift from the pastors: two harvest baskets, filled with fruit and vegetables. With these, the Rwandan leaders communicated their understanding and appreciation of the evangelism training, adding a hearty invitation for Mike to return as soon as possible. Please pray with us that God will bring an abundant harvest of souls through the labor of these leaders and others who will be trained.



Pastors Conference



Filming



Ties to Pastors



Mike & Emmanuel Preach 2 Day Crusade





Crusades & Churches

You may recall that this mission trip was originally planned for another region of Rwanda. In August, due to circumstances beyond our control (but thankfully never beyond the Father's sovereignty!), the geographical focus of the trip was moved to the Eastern region of Rwanda. This gave Rwandan partners in the new region only six weeks to organize for a two day evangelistic crusade. Pastor Augustine Butera was the national coordinator; he and his team did an outstanding job organizing and preparing! Intercessors prayed during the weeks leading up to the crusade regarding the weather, attendance, and for people to be saved. By God's hand, there was exceptionally good weather, with rains coming before or after but never during the crusade. The estimated crowd size was between 1,684—2,000 each day. The first day of crusade 74 adults were saved, and on the second day, 131, for a total of 205 adults saved those two days!

There were 569 children (under the age of 13) who also responded during invitation times at the crusade. We estimate that about 25% of those truly understood the gospel as many were very young. Local church leaders will follow up with the children and the adults who made decisions.

Fourteen adults were also saved in local church services where Mike preached, and many adults confessed the sins of bitterness and resentment, committing themselves to forgive those who wronged them. Pastor Butera translated as Mike preached on biblical forgiveness and spoke in detail of how the message had transformed his own mind and heart, even as he was translating the message.

Vocational Training Center

For eight days, members of the mission



team drove 15 minutes into the mountains by 4x4 vehicles, over washed out roads, to the rural village of Rugendabari. In this village, where there is no electricity and no running water, there is a small church.

Beside that church, our team worked with hired Rwandans to construct a two room building as a satellite extension of the main vocational training center of ERM Rwanda (located in Kabuga). Initial work on the foundation and walls had begun about 10 days before we arrived. Our team then worked faithfully for eight days to complete a center that will house 12 manual sewing machines donated through *Simplicity Ministries®*. The machines will be used to teach women to sew and build a local business. 11 tool kits are also being purchased that will allow for training young men in woodworking at the center. An informal building dedication was held in the village, and the sewing machines were presented. Team member, Michael Porter (also a member of MOS), shared the gospel using the Evangecube. Following this, Mike extended an invitation call, and 26 adults from the village responded in giving their lives to Christ. 33 children also responded; follow up will be conducted by the pastor of the church.

Ministry Schedule

Nov 11

First Baptist Church
Longview, WA—Worship Services

Dec 23

First Baptist Church
Gresham, OR—Worship Services

Mon. MOS-X | Wed. MOS

Men of Simplicity—Gresham, OR

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www.simplicityministries.org

Widow & Orphan Interviews

The ladies on the team interviewed over 80 widows & orphans for involvement in ERM's sponsorship program. These interviews provided the opportunity to encourage and pray with those who already know Christ and to share the Gospel with the lost. 10 of those interviewed were led to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

Thanks for partnering with us! Mike



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