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Rwanda Mission

### Rwanda Mission 2015

On September 2-15, 2015, Simplicity Ministries®, in partnership with ERM Rwanda, led its sixth mission in seven years to the nation of Rwanda. The four man team (Emmanuel Kayinamura, Mike Thibodeaux, Curtis Lilly, and Chris Hutton) ministered, by the will of the Lord, to approximately 6,105 Rwandans plus an unknown number via two national radio opportunities. There were 114 salvations counted through ministry at the crusade, churches, and at ERM Hope Vocational Training Center (HVTC). In addition, *hundreds responded to trust in Christ in schools*; however, crowds were so large that a specific number of salvations in the schools was difficult to track. During the first week of the trip, the team ministered in the northeastern region of Rwanda, conducting a two day crusade, pastors conference, evangelism in the schools, and preaching in two local churches and on Rwandan national radio. During the second week, the team ministered in and near Kigali, primarily at the ERM HVTC in Kabuga, sharing Christ with the 207 students and conducting *Simple Evangelism* training with 47 ERM HVTC graduates. The team also preached in two more churches.

### Two Day Crusade

In the New Testament, we read stories of the apostles preaching in the marketplace. The location of the Rwandan crusade this year was in just such a place, but nothing like our marketplaces in the West. This market was simply a wide open, mostly dirt, area about the size of a soccer field that was surrounded, 360 degrees, by small mud brick houses. Goods were brought by merchants into this central area and laid out on tarps on the ground. Each day, they delayed the selling of their goods until after the crusade. For 2-3 hours, people sat in front of their houses and people by the hundreds stood on the field or sat on the ground to listen to the choirs sing, to the testimony of team members, and to Mike preach, with Pastor Emmanuel as his translator. The Lord also held back the rains from thunderstorms that literally surrounded the crusade area, with lightning visible all around. Not a drop of rain fell on the crusade ground until the invitation time was concluded. Approximately 1,200 people heard the Gospel of Jesus. There were about 60 public decisions to trust Christ as Savior and Lord. Praise Him.

### Ministry in Four Local Churches

ERM and Pastor Emmanuel have great relationships with local churches and pastors. Each year, our teams have had the privilege to worship with and encourage these church leaders and fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. This year our team ministered in a total of four churches to approximately 300 people. Curtis and Chris ministered in



Mike and Emmanuel



2 Day Crusade



"Let the children come."



Youth choir at Rwandan church



Rwandan Radio



Adults in Village give lives to Christ



4 Man Team: Curtis, Chris, Emmanuel & Mike





God opened doors for the Gospel of Jesus to be proclaimed in large school gatherings

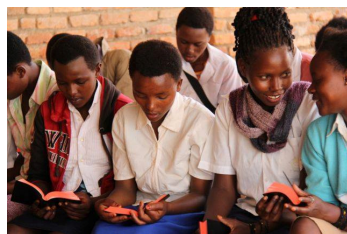
two churches while Mike and Emmanuel ministered in the other two. There were two public decisions to trust Christ as Lord and Savior. Rejoice!

### God Opened Door to Preach on Rwanda Radio

In April of 1994, an estimated 800,000 to one million Rwandans were massacred in a genocide. One of the instruments used to incite the people to such bloodshed was the radio. It has been a burden and desire of Pastor Emmanuel to see the radio used by God to bring life where once it brought death. Today in Rwanda, preachers are able to buy airtime to preach the Gospel. During this mission, God opened the door for Mike to preach the Gospel of Jesus twice on national radio. This was a full hour of evangelistic preaching both times, with no commercial interruptions. One of the broadcasts reached listeners in Uganda as well. Thankful for the unknown number of people who heard about Jesus during each of these broadcasts.

### Jesus Was Proclaimed in Schools

Mike recruited Curtis, youth pastor at Life Point Church in Snoqualmie, for this mission to help fulfill a vision that he and Emmanuel had, to preach Jesus in the schools of Rwanda. A team was needed to go into the schools while Mike and Emmanuel trained leaders in the pastors conference. One of the Rwandan pastors in the region took that vision and arranged three different schools in which Curtis and Chris were able to speak. On the last day God orchestrated two additional schools. Curtis shared, "These last two schools were not in the original schedule but we had one day left in the area, so our translator Felecian went to two of the area schools. He told us that he'd been praying for these schools for a while and by God's sovereign plan we



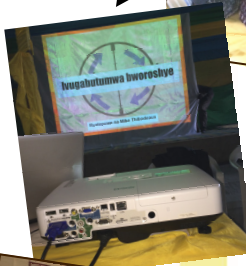
More than 60 ERM Students Receive Bibles

...and received their ties & scarves



Pastors View Hope Video

Projector given to ERM



Ties given to Pastors



ERM Graduates trained in Simple Evangelism ...



Curtis & Chris Share Creation to Christ



were allowed to speak at both! The last one ended up being one of our largest groups, with around 1,400 students in attendance. Praise God!!" In total, the team spoke in five schools. Using the evangelism presentation *Creation to Christ*, a total of 4,125 students heard the Gospel. Hundreds of teens raised their hands to trust in Christ. Our team was in awe of God.

### Pastors Conference

Equipping leaders always has an exponential return because leaders influence other learners. For the fourth time in 7 years, God gave Mike the opportunity lead a pastors conference. More than 40 churches from the northeastern region were represented. 200 leaders were trained in *Simple Evangelism* and viewed the chronological story of God in the film called *The Hope*. Each leader in attendance received a tie.

### ERM HVTC in Kabuga

At the ERM HVTC, Curtis and Chris taught the students the Gospel of Jesus using *Creation to Christ*. Over three days, 207 students at the HVTC heard the Gospel. Great things can happen in three days! During this time of teaching around 15 students put their faith in Jesus for the first time. In addition, 133 students viewed the evangelistic film, *The Hope*. Twelve students indicated a decision to receive Christ after the film. During this same four-day time, Mike taught *Simple Evangelism* to 47 graduates of ERM HVTC. 37 attended all sessions required to receive a certificate of completion. In addition, Simplicity Ministries® partners provided funds for more than 60 ERM students to receive Bibles. God is so GOOD! Thank you for investing in Rwanda Mission 2015!



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