

Upcoming Events

March/April 2014 — Frank and Myra will be traveling to North Carolina and then Virginia to attend the Mid-Atlantic Christian University Rally and Homecoming and share RC with seven churches and several mission and/or elder groups.

A God Story

Some stories need to be retold over and over again. I shared this story in my blog during my last trip to Rwanda.

The Backstory:

The names have been changed to... (because I don't know the names).

Mathias sells brochettes (cooked meat on a stick - delicious I might add).

Joshua sold Mathias pork for 50,000 RWFs (about \$100 six years ago). Many Rwandans do not make this much money in three months. Mathias thought he gave 50,000 RWFs to Joshua, but when Mathias returned home he found 10,000 in his pocket. He did not tell Joshua about this money.

Joshua did not count the money, because he trusted Mathias. Joshua went home and gave the money to his wife and said keep this for me. When it was time to spend the money Joshua asked his wife to bring it to him. When she gave him the money, he asked, "Why have you taken 10,000?" She said, "No. This is the amount you gave me." Joshua said, "No. I gave you 50,000. Why have you stolen the money?" This became a big problem between Joshua and his wife. This continued for six years.



Frank enjoys chicken brochettes with Ben Tucker and friends in 2013

Desire's Testimony of the Mighty Deeds of God

In February of 2012, RC taught the "Equip a Church Leader" group "Three Lessons on the Holy Spirit: The Gift, The Gifts, and The Fruit of the Holy Spirit." Desire (in the EACL group) was recently teaching the "Fruit of the Spirit" in the

local church where he serves. Mathias heard this teaching about "the acts of the sinful nature" and "the fruit of the Spirit" from Galatians 5. Desire called his people to repentance and asked them to make some application of this teaching in the next seven days. Mathias believed his sin was a hindrance to the fruit of the Spirit growing in his life.

Mathias repented and went to Joshua. He told Joshua and his wife the story of the 10,000 RWFs. Then he asked them (Joshua and his wife are Roman Catholics) if they would come to his local church the next Sunday so he could confess his sin and give back the money publicly. The next Sunday came and Mathias told the story to the congregation. He gave the money to Desire and Desire gave the money to the couple. People cried and praised God. Joshua asked his wife to forgive him. "For six years I have believed you had stolen this money and I could not trust you. I ask you to forgive me." And his wife knew that for six years her husband did not trust her. But she also knew she had given him all the money. They cried and hugged. There was great praise and rejoicing for what God had done.

The Vision

Rwanda Challenge... envisions local church leaders throughout Rwanda who have the capacity to lead the Rwandan Church and become missionaries to neighboring countries.

Psalm 105 (see 1 Chronicles 16:8-11) *NLT*

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done.
- 2 Sing to him; yes, sing his praises. Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds.
- 3 Exult in his holy name; rejoice, you who worship the Lord.
- 4 Search for the Lord and for his strength; continually seek him.

Rwanda Challenge 2014

The Gift of a Bible

Kinyarwanda Study Bibles @ \$20 each

204 more KSBs are needed this year for church leaders in Uganda, a Rwandan prison, two refugee camps in Burundi, and other teaching locations.

For gifts see "Financial Update" below
Write "KSB" in the memo line.



Before he passed away in September 2013, Theophile's father gave his KSB to Manasse.

Prayer Requests (Phil. 1:9-11)

- Ask for wisdom and discernment for Rwanda Challenge
- Praise God for open doors to teach in two refugee camps in Burundi and a prison in Rwanda
- Seek God for Theophile and Frank as they make strategic decisions about teaching opportunities in 2014
- Seek God for the financial resources needed in 2014. Present resources will provide for one more trip this year. God can supply all of our needs, but He calls for us to pray.

The January Trip

Gene Andrews and Frank left the United States on the first day of January to join Theophile Rugubira, Rwanda Director of Rwanda Challenge. Gene returned to NC on January 17 to teach at Mid-Atlantic Christian University. In twenty-six days we taught 140 church leaders in seven locations three different lessons: "A Study of Luke," "Five Purposes of the Church," and "Three Lessons on the Holy Spirit." For more details visit www.rwandachallenge.com/blog

The Joy of the Kinyarwanda Study Bible

One of the greatest gifts we can provide for church leaders in countries like Rwanda, Burundi, parts of Uganda and the DRC is a *Kinyarwanda Study Bible* and to teach them how to use it. Rwanda Challenge has been providing this gift since September 2012 (one week after they became available). There is no assurance at any given season that it will be safe to go into these countries to teach. When we provide KSBs and teach leaders how to use them, these church leaders can continue to study and grow whether we are there or not.

Theophile and Jean D'Amour taught church leaders in the northeast DRC in December. These leaders said there were about 500 church leaders in their area; one had a KSB. Others would go to his house hoping to be able to use it, but sometimes finding a line of church leaders already there waiting for a turn. When RC was able give them a KSB, some cried, they praised God, and most were in disbelief that they were holding their own KSB.

Financial Update

The January trip to Rwanda cost about \$14,000. The cost includes the airfare for Frank, translation of materials, interpreter, transportation, housing, food, and Bibles for each of the trainings totaling 140 church leaders; about \$100 per person. Currently RC is playing a bit of "catch up." The next trip is scheduled for August 2014. In the months between Frank is working on preparing lessons and details for the next trip and sharing the RC vision with individuals and churches. Your financial support is crucial to the ministry. If you are already a supporter, consider increasing your giving in 2014 or making a more regular contribution. **Consider setting up a reoccurring contribution through your banks Electronic Bill Pay.**

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