

## Upcoming Events

- March** — Share Rwanda Challenge with five churches in Virginia and North Carolina.
- Spring 2015** — Back to Rwanda with Spencer and Kiersten DeLong.
- May** — Abigail (Reynolds) Smith's graduation from Lincoln Christian University.
- Summer 2015** — Share Rwanda Challenge with campers at Camp Pitt (Virginia).
- August 1** — Rebekah Reynolds and Ruben Del Rio to be wed in NH.
- Fall 2015** — Tim Turner and Gene Andrews to join me in Rwanda.
- Sept/Oct** — Share Rwanda Challenge at the High Plains School of Missions 2015 in Oklahoma and Texas for two weeks.

Scott McClimans, Camp Director at Camp Pitt, VA, shared in the teaching this past January. During the EACL week we were able to finish "A Study of Luke." Scott also shared a special lesson on "Preaching and Teaching the Parables of Jesus." This proved to be very valuable for the Rwandan church leaders. Some expressed that they often avoided teaching the parables due to lack of understanding.



## Prayer Requests (Phil. 1:9-11)

- Ask for wisdom and discernment for Rwanda Challenge
- Praise God for the growth we see in the Rwandan church leaders
- Seek God for Frank, Spencer and Kiersten DeLong as they begin "A Study of Acts" on the April/May trip
- Praise God for many new opportunities in 2015 to share the vision of Rwanda Challenge with churches and individuals in the U.S.

## January Trip

2015 began somewhere over the Mediterranean Sea (close to Rome). I was expecting a "Happy New Year" announcement or maybe a piece of cake. No cake. Silence. There was not the slightest acknowledgement that 2015 had broken into our time zone. Shortly after noon on January 1, Scott and I landed in Rwanda; a new year and a new opportunity to equip and encourage God's servants in Rwanda.

Over the next two weeks we taught three different groups of church leaders in three locations before Scott returned to the U.S. There would be five more groups before I returned home on January 31. It is always exciting for me to experience the excitement of these leaders as they discover new insights in God's Word.

I was reminded again at the beginning of a new year, these are competent leaders, but they lack confidence in teaching the Bible because they have never been taught. On this trip, as we finished Luke, we taught them how to harmonize the four Gospels to add details to the ministry and teachings of Jesus. They were thrilled with this new insight and, on their own, they made a commitment to each other that they were teaching the Gospel of Luke in 2015.

# Rwanda Challenge 2015

## A Growing Strategy

The strategy of Rwanda Challenge is based on 2 Timothy 2:2 where Paul says, "...the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others."

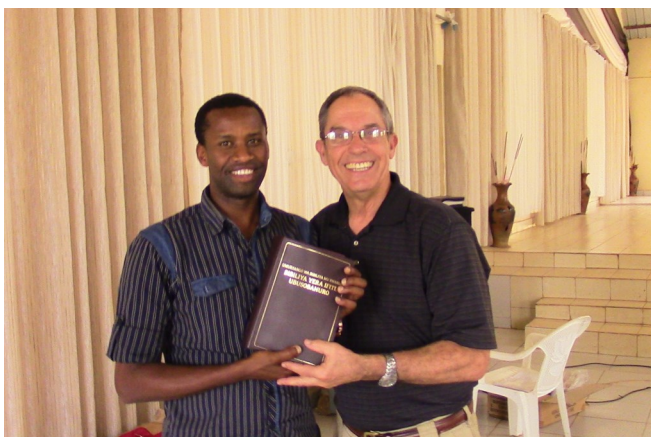
So, since 2011 RC has been teaching small groups (18-20 per group) of church leaders from every province in Rwanda. In January, Theophile and I discussed the effectiveness of our strategy and the various groups of church leaders we have taught. Theophile says the teaching is making a great difference for the church leaders and the churches.

However, there is one group that stands out; the "Equip a Church Leader" (EACL) group. We study with this group for one week on every trip to Rwanda. Their ability to correctly handle the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15) has grown significantly over the last three years.

## "Equip the Next Generation"

After evaluating the variety of groups RC has been teaching, we have decided to add a new group made up of potential church leaders in their twenties. Each of these young leaders will have potential to be future leaders in the Church. This "Equip the Next Generation" group (ETNG) will study together following our week with the EACL group.

Charles is our first ETNG student. He was our driver for the last half of the January trip. He is single, desires to be married, has a young lady he is ready to ask, but needs the finances to negotiate a Rwandan wedding. He is the first RC driver who took every spare opportunity to sit in on the teaching. On the last day we surprised him with the gift of a *Kinyarwanda Study Bible*.



Charles was thrilled to receive his *KSB*

## The Vision

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

**Seven Rwandan church leaders (from the EACL group) studying the *Kinyarwanda Study Bible* before the morning class begins.**



## Financial Partnership Opportunities

If you desire to partner financially with Rwanda Challenge several opportunities are listed below. See "Prayer Requests" on page 2.

### Memo Line

- ◆ General Fund
- ◆ *Kinyarwanda Study Bible* - \$20 each "KSB"
- ◆ Equip a Church Leader - \$30 a month "EACL"
- ◆ Equip the Next Generation - \$30 a month "ETNG"

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