

Upcoming Events

Nov 6-7 — Frank will teach/preach three times at Lincoln Christian University

Nov 14-17 — Frank and Myra will attend the International Conference on Missions

Nov 15-31 — Theophile will teach three groups of church leaders in the DRC and Burundi (twice with Aaron and once with Jean D'Amour)

Jan 4... — Frank and Gene Andrews will begin "A Study of Luke" with Rwandan leaders

Strategic Advancement

Twenty-three church leaders complete "A Study of Genesis" during the first week of September.

The Equip a Church Leader (EACL) group studied Genesis in 2013. In February and June, Rwanda Challenge prepared lessons on four events in Genesis: Creation, Fall, Flood, and Nations. The Rwandan church leaders were to take these lessons and teach other church leaders. In September we had the EACL group prepare lessons on

the remainder of Genesis: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. We have been teaching these leaders how to use their *Kinyarwanda Study Bible* and the *Africa Bible Commentary: Genesis*. So, they divided into four groups, used their Bible resources, and created some good lessons. What impressed me the most was how hard they worked. These church leaders are excited to be able to study God's Word and I am excited that they have advanced to this stage in their studies.

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.



"Equip a Church Leader" group completes "A Study of Genesis"

Frank, Jean D'Amour (one of "the six"), and Theophile



Rwanda Challenge 2013

Training of Trainers

On my last trip to Rwanda, Josue helped to teach in Rusozi. Deo assisted in the teaching in Munganga. Four more Rwandan church leaders shared in the teaching in three additional locations.

Theophile had invested a week with these six church leaders to prepare them to assist in the teaching in five locations in Rwanda. It was great to experience their growth. I was reminded of the "Practice Preaching" teams back at Roanoke Bible College when a team of four inexperienced students would lead in a local church on a Sunday morning. All six Rwandan leaders seemed a little nervous as they reflected and scribbled notes prior to their time to teach.

As we expected, all six did great. But Jean D'Amour stood out as one who has the gift of teaching. His topic was biblical community; what it means to be the family of God. RC had taught him that biblical community is more than eating or sharing a Fanta together (the typical Rwandan concept of community). Jean D'Amour began to take these truths and taught them in powerful, culturally relevant ways. He pressed hard the unspoken realities in the local church. He shared how we must begin to talk about these issues. Hutus and Tutsis sing and dance together on a Sunday morning, but outside of that context they separate. He shared how we have one Father and are brothers and sisters despite our nationality, tribe, or social status. Jean D'Amour spoke biblical truth into his culture in a more powerful way than I ever could.

Now, for the next step: Theophile is planning to take two of "the six" to the Congo and Burundi this month to teach sixty church leaders in those neighboring countries. This is a significant step forward for Rwanda Challenge. I am praising God for "the six," for Jean D'Amour, and the strategic progress in the training of trainers.

Prayer Requests (Phil. 1:9-11)

- Ask for wisdom and discernment for Rwanda Challenge
- Praise God for the progress made with the "the Six"
- Seek God for Theophile, Aaron and Jean D'Amour as they teach this month in the DRC and Burundi
- Seek God for the financial resources needed in 2014. The spring/summer trip is in question financially. God can supply all of our needs, but He calls for us to pray.

Bibles Needed

60 Kinyarwanda Study Bibles @ \$20 each

RC plans to teach 60 new church leaders in the DRC and Burundi in November

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