

### Upcoming Events

September – Theophile met with “the Six” in Muhanga

Sept/Oct - “Equip a Church Leader” group will create lessons from Genesis “Rwanda Tour 2013” - Frank, Theophile, and “the Six” will teach 100 new church leaders “in their neighborhood” in all five provinces of Rwanda

Oct/Nov - Frank and Myra will share RC in Virginia, North Carolina, Illinois, and Missouri

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

### Strategic Advancement

#### Paul to Timothy

“You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.” 2 Timothy 2:2

#### “The Six”

On September 2-6 Theophile met in Muhanga with six church leaders RC has been equipping. Now, when we visit “their neighborhood” on the “Rwanda Tour 2013,” one of “the six” will host twenty denominational church leaders and share in the teaching.

The focus in Muhanga and for the tour was/will be “The Five Purposes of the Church:” worship, evangelism, community, discipleship, and ministry. Also, “the six” will seek to balance the five purposes in their local churches in 2014. Next, they will plan to join Theophile in neighboring countries for 2015 as they teach what they have learned and put into practice.

#### 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.



Deo practices teaching five of “The Six” about God’s purpose of worship

“The Six” discuss God’s purposes for His Church



# Rwanda Challenge 2013

## The Challenge

Although Rwanda was among the most Christian countries in Africa, in the 1994 genocide church buildings became one of the primary killing grounds. And how can we explain why so many Christians participated in the violence? The 1993 edition of *Operation World: The Day-by-Day Guide To Praying For the World* records Rwanda at 80% Christian with a population of over 8,000,000 people. 800,000 to 1,000,000 Rwandans were killed in 100 days. That's as high as 10,000 people being slaughtered every day for over three months.

How? Who? Why? How could this happen? A Christian nation? Church buildings? Christian leaders? Many answers have been attempted for the unimaginable: politics, tribalism, colonialism, social Darwinism, etc.

My answer: Rwanda lacks a biblical worldview (as does most of the world and increasingly America). While the other issues are true, a biblical worldview will overtake them.

Proverbs 29:18                      A nation without God's guidance is a nation without order.  
Happy are those who keep God's law!                      *Good News Translation*

In 1994 the vast majority of Rwandans may have said "yes" to Jesus, but they did not know their Bible. In 2013 the situation might be worse. Some explain that many biblically literate Rwandan church leaders were killed or fled the country during the genocide of 1994 and left a larger void in biblical literacy. Present church leaders that RC works with know some Bible details, but they do not know their Bible. They consistently tell me, "We do not know the Bible."

A huge step in creating a biblical worldview is to study Genesis; especially chapters 1-11. With twenty plus church leaders ("Equip a Church Leader" group), we have been studying Genesis in-depth during 2013. In October we plan to complete this study. We have been working with this group to show them how to use their *Kinyarwanda Study Bible* (contains the Bible resources from the *NIV Study Bible*). RC has also translated the Genesis portion of the *Africa Bible Commentary* for these leaders. Because they are now familiar with these materials, they will be creating lessons on Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph during our week in October. This is a significant step toward the vision of Rwandan church leaders who have the capacity to lead the Rwandan Church and become missionaries to neighboring countries.

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

- Ask for wisdom and discernment for Rwanda Challenge
- Praise God for the progress made with the "Equip a Church Leader" group and "the Six" in 2013
- Seek God for the new church leaders we will teach in September and October during the "Rwanda Tour 2013"
- Praise God for His faithfulness in providing enough *Kinyarwanda Study Bibles* to give a Bible to every church leader we teach

## Bibles Needed

**40 Kinyarwanda Study Bibles** @ \$20 each  
(60 of the 100 needed are already provided)

**RC plans to teach 100 new church leaders in Oct.**

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**RC financial goal: \$8,000 a month**

**RC commitments: \$3,539.99 a month**

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