

Upcoming Events

- Jan 6-10 — Theophile, Frank, and Gene Andrews begin “A Study of Luke” for 2014
- Jan 13-15 — Theophile, Frank, and Gene Andrews to teach in the Nyabiheke Refugee Camp
- Jan 17-18 — Theophile and Frank to teach “Five Purposes of the Church” for Christian women leaders in the government in Muhanga from various denominations
- Jan 20-25 — Theophile and Frank to teach “Three Lessons on the Holy Spirit” in Muhanga
- Jan 27-31— Theophile and Frank to teach “Five Purposes of the Church” for twenty church leaders twice: in Kabaya and Kigali

Strategic Advancement

Rwandan Church Leaders Teach in Burundi and the DRC



Aaron (front/center) celebrates with Church Leaders in Burundi

RC has made significant advancement in bringing the vision to fulfillment by equipping and sending Rwandan leaders to neighboring countries to teach what they have learned.

Aaron and Jean D'Amour joined Theophile to serve as missionaries to neighboring countries by taking what they have been taught through RC to Burundi and the DRC, sharing it with leaders there. Aaron is a servant among leaders. I first met Aaron in 2009, but it was in 2011 that I had the opportunity to see his servant heart in action. His peers also notice and often choose him as their representative. In November Theophile selected Aaron as the first leader, out of those we have been equipping, to travel with him and assist in teaching church leaders in Burundi and the DRC.

Jean D'Amour was one of six church leaders that helped us to teach Rwandan church leaders in October. He demonstrated that he has the gift of teaching. So, in December Jean D'Amour assisted in teaching in the northeast DRC.

A strategic goal of Rwanda Challenge is to equip church leaders in Rwanda who can advance God's Kingdom in Rwanda and neighboring countries. Theophile, Aaron, and Jean D'Amour took the next step toward this dream in November and December. Now, RC is being invited to come and teach more lessons.

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.



Jean D'Amour Teaches in the DRC

Rwanda Challenge 2014

The Joy of the *Kinyarwanda Study Bible*

The KSB became available in Rwanda in September 2012. It is the Rwandan Bible combined with the Kinyarwanda translation of the Bible resources contained in the *NIV Study Bible*. I arrived in Kigali the week after this Bible became available and Rwanda Challenge has been giving them as gifts for each new church leader participating in one of our trainings. In November and December 2013, sixty more Bibles were given to church leaders in Burundi and the DRC.

It has been my joy to experience the joy of the church leaders as they discover what they are holding in their hands. In December, when the KSB was given to leaders in the DRC, some of the leaders cried and some kissed their new Bible. They said that only one church leader had the KSB in one of the regions populated by over 500 church leaders. Other leaders would walk to his house for an opportunity to use his KSB. Sometimes there would already be a line waiting.

I always tell the Rwandan church leaders, God has provided this Bible and there are brothers and sisters in the United States who wanted you to have this gift.

Prayer Requests (Phil. 1:9-11)

- Ask for wisdom and discernment for Rwanda Challenge
- Praise God for giving RC the opportunity to teach in Burundi and the DRC
- Seek God for Theophile, Frank, and Gene as they teach in six locations in January
- Seek God for the financial resources needed in 2014. The spring/summer trip remains in question financially. God can supply all of our needs, but He calls for us to pray.

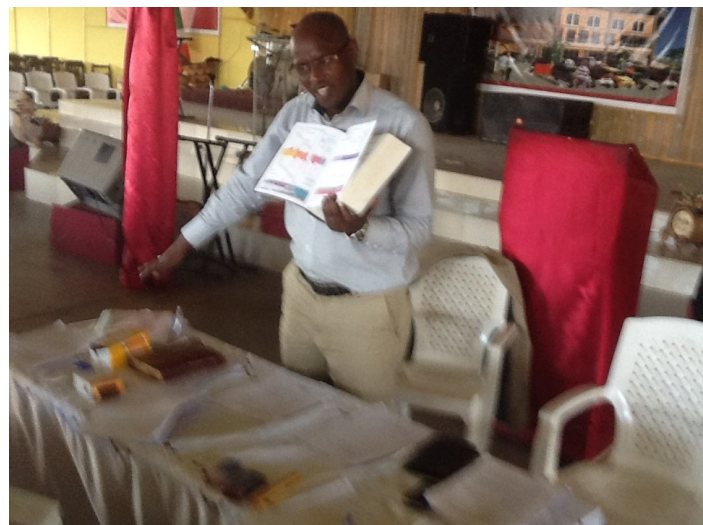
The Gift of a Bible

Kinyarwanda Study Bibles @ \$20 each

The need has already been met for the January 2014 trip. More Bibles will be needed this year.

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

The gift of a KSB can now be purchased online.



Theophile Introduces the KSB in Burundi

Financial Update

RC financial goal to be healthy is \$8,000 a month. Currently based on regular giving of our supporting churches and individuals we average just over 50% (\$4370/mo.) of the funds needed to accomplish the vision. RC is thankful for the support we receive. **If you are already a supporter, consider increasing your giving for 2014 or making a more regular contribution, if you are not already doing so.** If you know of a church or individual who might be interested in partnering with RC, we would love the opportunity to share.

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