

# Rwanda Challenge 2017

## Upcoming Events

**May — Teach church leaders in Rwanda assisted by Bob and Marie Paddock. Marie will train church leaders in *Gold Stone* (healing for trauma through story)**

**August – Teach church leaders in Rwanda assisted by Tim Turner and Winfred Felton**

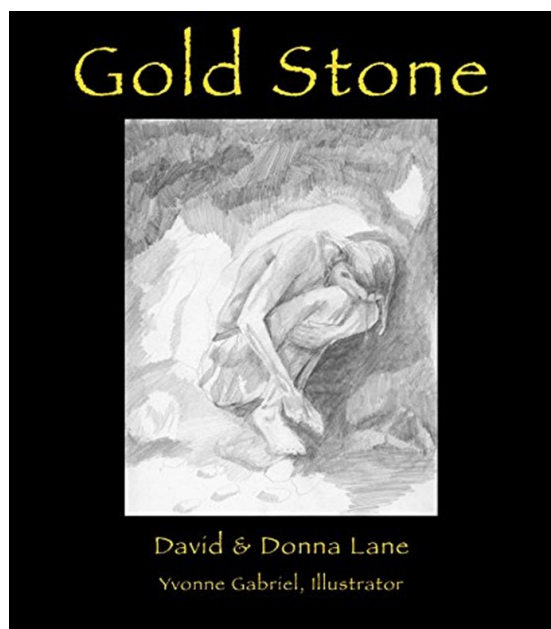
**September — Introduction to ministry in the Ukraine and then teach in Rwanda**

### The Vision

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

### Gold Stone

A group of 20-25 Rwandan preachers (Equip a Church Leader group) will be trained in *Gold Stone* (trauma-based, narrative, group counseling) developed by Christian Counselors, Drs W. David & Donna Lane. This will be an opportunity for the Rwanda preachers to experience the healing process through participation in a counseling group, and learn how to provide this same healing experience to their congregations. The wounds of genocide are deep. With many neighbors and family members returning home from prison, it is important to embrace Jesus' message of healing and forgiveness.



**Gold Stone** is a children's book for all ages, focused on helping people to learn that who they are is not determined by what has happened to them.



**Bob and Marie Paddock**  
Bob is the Senior Minister at the Cornerstone Church of Christ in Chatham, VA. Marie is a Christian counselor.

## 2017 Highlights

**December 2016 — Preached and taught in Poland the last two weeks of December**

**January — Taught seven groups of church leaders in Rwanda  
Conducted first full web-based teaching (NC to Kigali)  
Preached for English speaking church in Bilbao, Spain**

**March — Shared RC with Towne South Church of Christ, Elizabeth City, NC and  
County Line Christian Church, Axton, VA**

### The Vision Dilemma

Beginning in 2015, RC has received multiple invitations to countries beyond Rwanda. This creates a vision dilemma; diffusion of the vision vs. walking through doors God has opened. In Rwanda, I receive requests to begin ministries beyond equipping church leaders. While I can be a cheerleader for other ministries, my commitment is to assist church leaders in a deeper understanding of God's Word.

The present advice is to take the initial step to go through these open doors. Missiologists say most church leaders in the world lack formal Bible training. If RC can help equip other church leaders in other countries, then that fits the essence of the RC vision.

So, in 2016 and 2017, Frank will pursue some of these opportunities and then evaluate the next steps. These trips will take place during scheduled trips to Rwanda.

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

- Ask for wisdom and discernment in equipping Rwandan church leaders
- Seek God for training in *Gold Stone*; trauma-based, narrative, group counseling
- Pray for discernment about assisting church leaders in other countries
- Praise God for those who pray and those who support RC financially

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