

Rwanda Challenge 2022

Upcoming Events

April 12, 2022 — A decision from the judge in Rwanda is expected this month. A favorable ruling will make possible the purchase of the building and property planned for the future MACU-Rwanda Campus.

May/June 2022 — RC team of twelve to help potential students with English and computer skills.

August 2022 — Dr. King to teach one week in Rwanda.

October 2022 — Dr. Larsen to teach one week in Rwanda.

Campus Update

Many of you have asked, "Where do you stand with the building?" The development of a campus in Rwanda remains a necessary piece of the puzzle as the MACU-Rwanda program moves forward. In our last update we mentioned that a court date of January 17 had been set. Theophile, Frank, and Scott hoped to receive good news to share with you while we were still in Rwanda. Instead, two additional court dates have come and gone (January 26 and March 2), and a third date is now scheduled. We have been assured that on April 12, 2022 the court will meet with both parties and make a final ruling. Rwanda Challenge is not a party in the matter before the court, but a favorable ruling will allow us to proceed with the purchase. Please pray over the coming weeks for a favorable outcome from the court on April 12 and negotiations with the owners.

This journey has required patience from everyone involved, and we especially appreciate your patience. The delay has presented both opportunities and obstacles. RC has shared the mission with many more people over the months and seen the amazing generosity of our friends and supporters in that time. Nevertheless, we have made little progress on this critical component of the program, plus prices continue to rise in Rwanda as inflation takes a similar path as it has in the United States.

These issues are a significant concern to all of us, but we recognize they are out of our control. However, God holds all things in His hands! Join us as we rest in the knowledge that the LORD always provides for our needs, he never sleeps, never wearies, and "that in all things God works for the good of those who love him and are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28, NIV). Look for an update from RC in mid-April once we have details on the ruling. -SM

The Rainbow of October 2019



Location Selected Three Months Later for the MACU-Rwanda Campus

Recent Highlights

June-December — Waiting for Covid restrictions in Rwanda to relax enough to resume trips.

January 2022 — **2nd Cohort (ten students) started their first two MACU classes.**
Two US team members were unable to travel due to Covid complications.
Team of five assisted potential students with English and computer training.

March 2022 — **Shared RC with churches and individuals in VA/NC.**

The Vision

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

Cohort 2

After Covid delays in early 2021, we had a soft launch of MACU-Rwanda in May. Cohort 1 consisted of three students. It was quickly discovered the small launch was a blessing. We had a lot to learn/adjust/correct; matriculation issues, loading software on laptops with slow internet, etc.

In January Cohort 2 began with ten students. This went smoother than Cohort 1, but we are still making adjustments. We are encouraged by the dedication of these students and their desire to serve in the Church in Rwanda.

Two of our biggest obstacles are English and computer/internet issues. While Rwanda has internet everywhere, it is not always strong or reliable. As for English, the first barrier is passing a proficiency test in order to matriculate. The second barrier is reading and communicating in English at an academic level.

In spite of these difficulties, God has blessed us with a great group of young men who desire to be used by God to advance His kingdom. Please be in prayer for their progress and MACU-Rwanda.



Prayer Requests (Phil. 1:9-11)

- Ask for wisdom and discernment in equipping Rwandan church leaders
- Thank God for the next generation of Rwandans who desire to advance His Kingdom
- Ask God to overcome all obstacles and delays hindering MACU-Rwanda students and the campus

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