

2020 Highlights

January — Winfred Felton, Brad Giffin, and Tim Turner (all preachers in NC) taught New Testament leadership for a week. The focus was the role, qualifications, and servant attitude of New Testament leaders.

We viewed properties for three days in search of a future home for the MACU-Rwanda Campus.

The Vision

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

The New Mission

The mission of Rwanda Challenge is an **affordable** associate degree in Bible/theology for Rwandan preachers to be awarded by September 10, 2023.

The new mission is Rwanda Challenge's response to new "Church" laws in Rwanda.

- ◆ A local church cannot meet without a legal building.
- ◆ A local church cannot meet without a legal preacher.
- ◆ A legal preacher is required to have an associate degree in Bible/theology by September 10, 2023.

These new laws create significant issues for the Church in Rwanda and Rwanda Challenge.

Prayer Requests (Phil. 1:9-11)

- Ask for wisdom and discernment in equipping Rwandan church leaders.
- Seek God for Mid-Atlantic Christian University as she prepares for application with the Higher Education Council to offer an associate degree in Rwanda.
- Ask God to provide the financial partners who will help MACU-Rwanda become a reality.

MACU-Rwanda Campus

The plan is for Rwanda Challenge and Mid-Atlantic Christian University to partner in providing the required associate degree.



Somewhere "under" the rainbow...

Three months before we looked at any properties for the MACU-Rwanda campus, I took a hillside picture across the valley. In January I was amazed to discover the building we are hoping to purchase is the lowest building in the center of the rainbow.

Financial Partners

Make checks payable to:
Rwanda Challenge

Send Checks to:
Cornerstone Church of Christ
1186 Fairview Road N.
Chatham, VA 24531

For new campus write on memo line: MACU-Rwanda Campus

Rwanda Challenge 2020

Upcoming Events

February/March — share the new mission of RC in VA/NC

New Laws — The Main Issues

Because of new laws in Rwanda, RC and church leaders are facing new issues. Here are the main ones.

- A preacher will need an associate degree in Bible/religion by September 11, 2023 to be legal.
- A local church cannot exist without a legal preacher and building.
- The associate degree must be awarded by an accredited institution (recognized internationally).
- A student must have a high school diploma (or equivalent) to begin studies toward an associate degree.
- Students must be proficient in English.
- Most preachers in Rwanda are not proficient in English and do not have a high school diploma.
- Higher education is not affordable for most Rwandans.
- A higher education degree offered in Rwanda requires a physical address (property and appropriate building, etc.) in Rwanda; approved by the Higher Education Council.

Some Implications

- **A large percentage of existing preachers will no longer be legal on September 11, 2023.**
- **Thus, a large percentage of existing churches will no longer be legal on September 11, 2023.**
- **Many existing preachers will need to be replaced by a legal preacher by September 11, 2023.**



Three Potential Students for MACU-Rwanda.

Moses, Eric, and Jean Claude represent thousands of young people in Rwanda who love the Church, desire to serve, but cannot afford an associate degree to meet the requirement of the new Rwandan law.

Rwanda Challenge is pursuing a plan which will not only provide legal preachers by September 2023, but will prepare young people to lead the Church in Rwanda for decades to come.

A Potential Building



This unfinished building would cost us about \$175,000. The plan is to rent the six units on the street level to businesses, creating a sustainable path for overhead expenses of MACU-Rwanda.