

Rwanda Challenge 2018

Upcoming Events

December — Share Rwanda Challenge in Virginia
January — Teach in Rwanda with Scott McClimans

Update on Strategy to Reopen Churches (See July newsletter for strategy)

One Example of the Need to Close Churches

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[The New Times \(Kigali\)](#)

Rwanda: Nyagatare Church Collapse Leaves Two Dead, Over 20 Injured

By Emmanuel Ntirenganya

Two worshippers died when a Pentecostal church in Bushoga, Nyagatare District collapsed Wednesday, injuring 23 others.

[ironically] The Good Foundation Church came crashing down during stormy rain...

In our strategy to supplement what the Rwandan churches are doing to reopen churches, we are now moving into Phase Two. Five churches were selected by Rwandan leaders in Phase One. As of the last report I received, Rwandan churches had given \$5,350 (41% of the needed amount in Phase One) to reopen churches in Phase One. Three churches had reopened and two were still working toward the required improvements. So, we can move to Phase Two. Five more churches have been selected by the Rwandan leaders. Once again, Rwandan churches are committing financially. The average net salary in Rwanda is \$12,000 annually (that is not most Rwandans, but the average).

I am asking you to pray for and with these Rwandan churches as they seek to meet the government requirements to meet as a local church. Seek God for the Rwandan Church to continue doing their part to reopen churches. Seek God for U.S. churches and individuals to partner with their Rwandan brothers and sisters to respond to this present need. Thank you for your partnership and prayer support for Rwanda Challenge.

January Trip

Scott McClimans and Frank

Frank plans to teach two groups of church leaders in early January. Then Scott intends to join Frank for the third and fourth week of January. The "Equip a Church Leader" group will begin "A Study of 1 and 2 Thessalonians." Then the "Equip the Next Generation" will continue "A Study of Luke." These young people are approaching the final week in the ministry of Jesus.

Frank and Scott will be assessing the progress being made to reopen churches.



Two of our Phase Two church leaders: Thomas and Jean Pierre with Theophile (center)

2018 Highlights

January — Taught four groups of church leaders in Rwanda including web-based teaching (VA to Kigali)

March — Shared RC with churches in VA/NC

April/May — Taught in Israel and Rwanda

August/September — Taught in Rwanda with Gene Andrews

The Vision

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

Frank's Health

As a reminder, earlier this year I had a Calcium Score test which resulted in incidental findings leading to more test and more incidental findings; discussed in the September newsletter. My intent here is to give an update. Some have asked, so here is the report.

Bloodwork: on 10/8/2018 everything was normal except sodium (one point high - drink less coffee and more water :-). My cholesterol dropped from 217 to 149 :-).

Lungs: indication of suspected infection is almost gone. Doctor wants another CAT scan in six months.

Gallstone: not an issue unless it is causing pain.

Liver: the ultrasound indicated a simple cyst (cavity filled with fluid). This is common and not considered a problem.

Heart: my cardiologist says a person my age has blockage. The question is how much and where. Since I am asymptomatic, he recommends we continue with medication (not a heart catheterization) which seems to be working. So, it appears my biggest health issue is my heart.

Ebola Outbreak

On August 1, 2018, the Ministry of Health of the Democratic Republic of Congo reported an outbreak of Ebola virus disease (now 303 confirmed cases) in North Kivu Province (about 200 miles from Kigali). To date, there is not an issue for Rwanda, but Scott and I will be keeping a close eye on the potential of the disease reaching Rwanda as we prepare for our January trip. Please pray.

Prayer Requests (Phil. 1:9-11)

- Ask for wisdom and discernment in equipping Rwandan church leaders
- Seek God as we partner with Rwandan Church leaders to reopen churches
- Ask God to protect our health

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