

Rwanda Challenge 2021

Upcoming Events

January 2022 — With many restrictions lifted, RC is waiting for the court (January 17) to clear the purchase of the MACU-Rwanda Campus.

— MACU-Rwanda intends to begin classes with the second cohort.

May 2022 — RC team to help potential students with English and computer skills.

Update on Volcano Relief

In May, while we were in Rwanda, Mt. Nyiragongo, in neighboring Democratic Republic of the Congo, erupted without much warning. Probably worse than the eruption were the earthquakes that followed over the course of about two weeks. Several 4.5+ magnitude quakes in a row were felt in Kigali, which is about sixty miles southeast of the affected region. While some of those tremors were merely unnerving for us, they damaged hundreds of homes on both sides of the border nearer the epicenter.

Rwanda Challenge partnered with International Disaster Emergency Services (ides.org) to assist victims of this disaster. IDES provided a grant to be distributed by RC. Theophile Rugubira, Rwanda Director of RC, coordinated efforts in Rwanda with the assistance of church leaders from among the Harvest Christian Churches. A one-month supply of food, kitchen utensils, bedsheets/blankets, water cans, and Bibles were distributed to sixty-four families in Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. This relief effort was completed in early November.

Theophile reported, "It was such a blessing to assist victims of the volcano eruption. They were overwhelmed by Jesus' love to receive the different items. One lady told she is now 'sleeping in heaven' (as) she never (had) such bedsheets and blankets in her life. She is 54 years old. I was so excited to represent IDES and give the support to families." Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who have been impacted by this natural disaster, as they recover and rebuild.

RC counts it a blessing to partner with IDES and the Church in Rwanda to relieve some of the suffering in our world.



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2021 Mount Nyiragongo eruption.



Children assisted by IDES grant.



Distribution of food and supplies provides relief for victims of the Mt. Nyiragongo volcano.

Recent Highlights

May 12-29 — Trip to Rwanda to offer the first two classes of MACU-Rwanda.

June 22 — New Covid restrictions begin; June 28-July 17 — Trip to Rwanda (International Team) cancelled following new restrictions due to the Covid spike.

August— Some restrictions began to be lifted and have continued to be relaxed.

The Vision

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

Three Updates

MACU-Rwanda Campus

RC tried to purchase the building and property for the MACU-Rwanda campus in January 2021. The primary business owner was going through a divorce and the court held up the sale. Due to two court delays and the court being closed because of Covid, we now expect the court to approve the sale of the building on January 17, 2022.

Lord willing, we will purchase the building in January. Then RC will need to finish the building and get occupancy. The last estimate was \$110,000 to finish the building, of which we have about half. Once we get occupancy, we can rent the street level units to businesses to cover overhead costs of running the campus.

The final steps will be to furnish the campus and launch our first class on-campus.

Please pray!

January Trip 2022

Presently, we have seven people planning to join the January team. The focus will be twofold; 1. continue the soft launch phase of MACU-Rwanda and 2. assist more potential students with English proficiency and computer training.

Dr. Bane Angles, Director of Educational Partnerships, plans to teach Christian Formation beginning January 10. Frank plans to teach College Success, an introduction to college, beginning January 17.

Three team members will help students prepare for their English proficiency; required to be accepted into the A.A. program.

Please pray!

Prayer Requests (Phil. 1:9-11)

- Ask for wisdom and discernment in equipping Rwandan church leaders
- Thank God for guiding us through dangers like volcanoes, earthquakes, and Covid-19
- Ask God to overcome all obstacles and delays hindering MACU-Rwanda students and the campus

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