

2016 Highlights

January — Taught five groups of church leaders in Rwanda (Scott McClimans and Isaac Fultz assisted for two weeks)

March — Shared Rwanda Challenge with churches in VA/NC

May — Taught six groups of church leaders in Rwanda (Gene Andrews assisted for two weeks)

August — Taught four groups of church leaders in Rwanda (Tim Maness assisted for two weeks)

September — Shared Rwanda Challenge with churches in MT/WA

Myra's View

When the opportunity to travel to the Northwest part of the country with Frank to share Rwanda Challenge arose, my first response to Frank was, "I sure hate to miss the beautiful fall foliage in New Hampshire." However, now I can just imagine God laughing and saying "Myra, you have no idea what sights I have in store for you." Then I began to reason or maybe even scheme a little, if we are headed west we might as well stop by CA to see our son James, and of course, we definitely couldn't fly over CO on our way home, so that meant stopping in to see the grandchildren. This month long trip had now turned into a six week trip!

We have seen some amazing landscapes on this journey: John Muir Woods, Yosemite, the Grand Tetons, Yellowstone, Glacier, and Olympic National Parks, and Mt. St. Helens, just to mention a few "minor" scenic sites.

Another huge blessing on this trip for me was meeting and hearing from missionaries to Burma, Australia, Indonesia, and Eastern Europe. Bobby Morse is a third generation missionary who has suffered imprisonment, surviving in the jungles for 2 years and even had to eat monkey and worse. We also got to meet Jim and Glenda Buckley, who served at MCC in the mid 70's, and are now ministering to church leaders in Eastern Europe. It is a huge blessing to be part of God's team sharing Good News around the world.

Fall Foliage in Glacier National Park



The Vision

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

Rwanda Challenge 2016

Upcoming Events

October — share RC with eight churches in Oregon

December/January — Tentative plans to teach in Eastern Europe the end of December and then in Rwanda for January

Frank's Reflections

As Myra and I share Rwanda Challenge with churches in the Northwest, I reflect on the Church, not just in Rwanda, but in the US and the world. We have had a positive response to the vision and model of RC in Montana and Washington. Others have told of their personal mission experiences and shared stories about others, the growth of Christianity in the world, and Muslims coming to Christ.

There have also been stories of ageing, dying, and closed churches in the Northwest, the difficulty of missionaries to share with churches, and the difficulty of Christians to adjust to a shifting culture. In the rural churches there is a constant refrain; the young people are going off to college and not returning. Most churches seem to be trying to make changes, but not with great success. We have seen a few exceptions. Also, we have met some wonderful Christians with a deep love for Jesus and His Church. Many have expressed their concern.

Back in the late '90's I had a woman insist that the US was not a post-Christian nation. I assume her view has changed in the last two decades. Yes, the culture and demographics of America is shifting and the health of the Church is declining. However, The growth of the Church in the world is increasing. I receive great testimonies from around the world about Muslims, healthy discipling movements, and an explosion of house churches. Pray for America. Praise God for the growth of His Church. His Church remains alive!

Prayer Requests (Phil. 1:9-11)

- Ask for wisdom and discernment in equipping Rwandan church leaders
- Praise God for the growth of His Church around the world
- Pray to God about the changing Church in the United States
- Ask God to bless Rwanda Challenge as we launch web-based teaching in January between North Carolina and Kigali, Rwanda

Web-based Teaching

On January 16, 2017, we plan to launch our first full web-based teaching. Three preachers in eastern NC will be teaching Philippians, Monday-Thursday mornings. I plan to be in Kigali with the Equip a Church leader group (afternoons in Rwanda). Rwandan church leaders should be able to respond and ask questions. Please pray!

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