

# Rwanda Challenge 2023

## Upcoming Events

**September 2023 — Frank and Scott travel to Rwanda to evaluate new campus with Theophile.**

**January 2024 — Plans for first MACU-Rwanda graduation.  
Launch Cohort 4.**

## Future MACU-Rwanda Campus Purchased

It has been a long journey as we have pursued a campus for MACU-Rwanda since early 2020. Twice we were close to buying the “Rainbow Building.” At first we were not ready (we needed more money). When we had the money the sellers were not ready (the building was being held up in court). We reached the point we needed to begin to look at other properties. We found a few properties that could work and were ready to make an offer on two properties abutting each other back to back. The primary property had been sold a week earlier. So, we continued to pray, look, and wait.

Theophile found a great property and buildings in May of 2023. Everything was finished. All rental spaces were occupied. The asking price was \$450,000. We had \$300,000. The bank assessed the property and was very positive about the valuation. The rentals would more than cover a \$150,000 mortgage. With the legal signer for the property in Belgium, it took three months to move through notarized documents and to move up the bureaucracy of the bank. We were able to finalize the purchase in early August.

Now we will need to clarify the necessary space for the campus with the Higher Education Council in Rwanda. Our strategy is to rent as much as we can for as long as we can without sacrificing the needs of the campus. We know we need at least one classroom, office(s), library, storage, etc.

Frank and Scott plan to travel to Rwanda in mid-September to clarify/evaluate a clear path forward. We intend to create a clear plan for the campus and degree program, not limited to rent, mortgage, campus needs (space and furnishings), and student needs. Two of our core values underlying these decisions are cultural sensitivity and sustainability.

**Please Pray: some of the decisions made now  
will have long-term implications for MACU-Rwanda.**

### Recent Highlights

**January 2023** — 3rd Cohort (eighteen students) started their first two MACU classes.

**March 2023** — 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.



### Main Building with Parking

The top window of the duplex building can be seen in the top left corner behind the main building. The entire building is being rented by multiple businesses.



### Duplex Building

This space is being rented by one organization.

### Prayer Requests (Phil. 1:9-11)

- Ask for wisdom and discernment in equipping Rwandan church leaders.
- Thank God for guiding us through this long process of purchasing the MACU-Rwanda campus.
- Ask God to guide us now in decisions about renters, mortgage, campus space and furnishings, etc.

### Financial Partners

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