

Will you help us reopen the Tsinda Church?

The Tsinda Church in Rwamagana, Rwanda is the next church we would like to assist in reopening. This would be the fourteenth church building we've assisted during the last six years due to the generosity of great team partners like you.



Would you help make it possible for this church to reopen after being closed for nearly 3 1/2 years?

The building will require major renovation to meet the government regulations to reopen. The roof and two walls need to be demolished and reconstructed. The current walls are made of mud and sticks with two of the walls bowing out so they must be rebuilt. The two remaining walls will be encased in fired-brick and the other two walls will be rebuilt with only fired brick. In addition, interior plastering, cement floor, new doors and windows, pastor's office, guttering, rain collection tank, hand washing station (for Covid) and toilets must be completed.

Construction permit is currently pending. Pray for final approval.

By faith we are moving forward with phase 1, trusting the Lord for the \$7,500 cost and provision of funds to complete the building.

Total cost for all phases: \$20,000



The church is pastored by Pastor Lordgard Samulenzi, who I met in 2009 during the preparations for a Festival in Rwamagana. He was a member of the executive committee for the 2009 and 2011 Festivals while also serving as my interpreter. It was a joy to preach at his church twice during that time. Barb and I had the pleasure of being a guest in their home for a meal. He and his wife have four beautiful children.

Thank you for considering whatever amount you can provide in helping to reconstruct and reopen the Tsinda Church.

Rutonde Church still waiting to build:

It's now been more than 2 1/2 years since land was purchased to construct a building for the Rutonde Church in Rwanda although rezoning approval is still pending. Please pray the Rwanda Land Use Authority will decide soon in favor of rezoning the land to allow the church to begin construction.



Kijojo Church packed full!

Last October the Kijojo Church was approved to reopen. I received photos several weeks ago showing the people gathering for worship. Without the people there is no church. The church is located in the rolling savannahs of Eastern Rwanda in the middle of nowhere. This is the largest church building we've helped construct and it was packed when it reopened. I often wondered how they could fill a building this large considering its remote location, but it looks like we should have built it even larger.



The pastor recently reported that a number of people have come to Christ and been baptized since the reopening. Most churches do not have a baptismal tank to perform baptisms, so they have to travel many kilometers to find a body of water they can use for baptisms. The people of Kijojo Church must travel 30 km each way for their baptism services.



We're very grateful and praise the Lord for all four churches we were able to complete and reopen last year. We're pleased that they have reported many people have come to Christ and have been baptized.

It's exciting to help enable these fellow believers in Rwanda to reopen their churches after being closed for more than 3 years. Without our help, they would have never had the ability to build or renovate to comply with the government codes and reopen their doors for worship.

Thank you for giving to help these churches reopen and bring glory to God.

1,000 Bibles Distributed!



In December and January, we received several designated gifts for Bibles. This enabled us to provide another 1,000 Bibles the end of January which is the most we've distributed at one time. 600 Bibles went to 4 churches who recently started Awana Clubs. In addition 400 Bibles went to new believers in several churches who came to Christ through the Food Relief last August.

The students and families are very grateful to have a copy of the Bible in their own language.

We have many more requests for Bibles. Recently there's been a 50% increase in the cost of Bibles in Rwanda due to inflation. If you'd like to help with the purchase of more Bibles, **one Bible costs \$7.50.**



147 More Goats to Needy Families!



Through a significant designated gift for goats, we were able to purchase another 147 goats in January. Over the past year, we've distributed nearly 300 goats to needy families in Rwanda.

The Eden Church, which we helped build and was reopened in August, was the site of one of the goat distributions in January. It was a rainy day, so they brought the goats right into the church. That's what you call a "multipurpose building". We were able to distribute 67 goats to needy people in the church and throughout the village.



We were also able to distribute another 80 goats to needy families at the Seeds Academy and the surrounding village. Believe it or not, there are 80 goats in the back of this truck!

It was thrilling to work with the Government leaders who attended both goat distributions. They all expressed appreciation for this great help to their people. Through the goat and food distributions in this region, the Lord has allowed a great relationship to develop between the pastors and Christian school leaders.

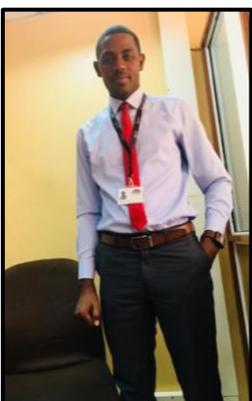


Of course, the people were very grateful for this amazing gift to help them economically.

We praise the Lord the Gospel was shared and a number of people made decisions for Christ.



Meet Sam Kamugisha our Ministry Coordinator in Rwanda



We're grateful for the three years Sam has served with Global Partnership Ministries in Rwanda. He has helped in a variety of ways to keep things going in our ministry there, helping to fulfill God's plans there.

Sam has been involved with: coordinating lodging, meals and transportation for mission teams involved with the festivals; handling the financial accounting, negotiating and purchasing goats and maize flour for food distributions; negotiating prices for materials for church construction; and coordinating the construction process.





I know we would have never been able to do what's been done without him being there to assist in making things happen.

Since meeting Sam in 2016, as he managed a guest house I stayed at, our relationship has deepened (I call him one of my adopted sons) as he has matured greatly in the faith. Sam and I meet at least once a week via FaceTime to discuss plans, pray and study the Bible.



He is married and the father of two handsome sons, Ian, 7 years old, and Bright, 3 years old.

It was a thrill to see Sam follow the Lord in baptism on Christmas Day, 2021.

Sam was born and raised in Western Uganda as his parents had fled Rwanda during the first genocide in the late 1960's. His father was a cattle herder, owning several hundred head of cattle. As a 9 to 10 year old boy, he was sent into the African bush alone with 200-300 head of cattle for six months at a time. All he took with him was his dog and a club to chase thieves and wild animals. That's how you turn a young boy into a man very quickly!

He was determined to get an education and returned to Rwanda as a teenager who graduated from high school and then went on to university to receive his Bachelor's



Degree in Business.

We're thankful for Sam's servant-oriented heart and partnership with us. Pray for Sam and his family.

Cancer Update

In early December my cancer once again became resistant to the chemo I was being given, so I was given a different, fourth, chemo which has been a little more "kinder" on me than previous chemos. However, there are still some side effects for a few days following a treatment.



The CT scan the end of March showed no change in the cancer. Everything is holding steady for the time being. We're grateful to the Lord the scan showed no increase, and the tumor-marker continues to decrease. For the most part, I've been feeling somewhat better. However, fatigue continues to be somewhat of a challenge. Working in my gardens has been a slow and challenging process, but little by little things are getting done.

The previous chemo caused me to lose a majority of my hair, but the new chemo has allowed my hair to begin growing again. It will be a while yet before I get a haircut, but it's coming slowly and surely!

Please pray the cancer will remain steady or preferably it would decrease; and for continued perseverance and endurance.

The general fund income has diminished these past few months. If the Lord would lead you to give, we would be most grateful. We're thankful for everyone who faithfully prays and gives to make it possible for us to serve Him. Gifts of any size or frequency are appreciated. For your convenience, secure online giving is available on our website – www.globalpartnershipministries.org. You can choose to give one-time, or set-up automatic giving through your bank account or credit card. Of course, checks sent by mail are always welcomed. Thank you!

Willing to Serve,

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