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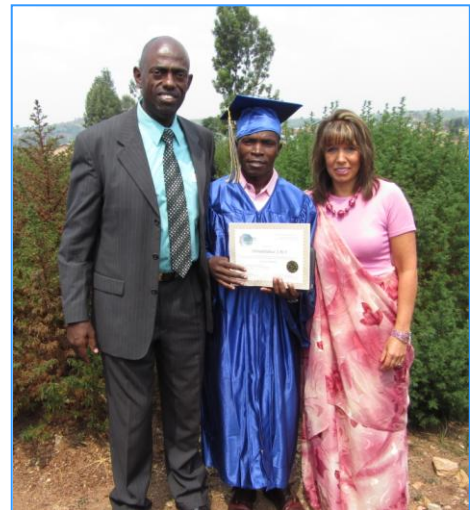
Winning souls through the love of God
Restoring the beauty of Rwanda – its people – one heart at time

Greetings! We arrived in the U.S. in early August to attend Victory Christian Center's Missions Conference and Word Explosion. These meetings offer a wonderful time to share with brothers and sisters in Christ from around the world, to learn new things, to connect with resources to help in our work, and to be uplifted and encouraged. As we do each year, we are filling our schedule from now through November with travel and speaking engagements to share the Good News and what God is doing in Rwanda. If you are acquainted with any church or secular group that would be interested in having us speak, please contact Parfait at 918-704-0313 or sendmeintl@gmail.com.

Bible Schools Grow; Number of Graduates Triples!

Send Me International has now planted nine International Victory Bible Schools (IVBI's) in Rwanda, eight of them inside the prisons. The door remains open for Bible schools to be placed in all 14 of Rwanda's prisons. Many IVBI students are incarcerated for genocide-related crimes. It is obvious that God is transforming these men and women, as we receive testimonies about how the Bible School has opened their eyes to understand they are made in the image of God, who they are in Christ, and their victories over witchcraft, unforgiveness, hate, drugs and other evils.

A year ago, we held two IVBI graduations inside the prisons. This summer, we held six graduation ceremonies with 679 graduates receiving diplomas – triple the number of a year ago! Graduation means a great deal in the prisons. One graduation was attended by 7,000 inmates and half of them raised their hands at the invitation to receive Jesus! The graduations included testimonies of prisoners like David, who said that although his father was a pastor, he ran from the call of God on his own life and turned to heroin and cocaine. His drug use led him to steal to support his addiction, which led to prison. While in prison, his dad continued to show him love and tell him that only Jesus could provide the answer to his



problems. Food is limited in the prisons and David's dad would bring him bread and sugar which he sold inside the prison to get money for drugs. Like the Bible's story of the prodigal son, one day David "came to himself" and remembered his father's words. He began attending the prison IVBI, was set free from his addiction, and has accepted God's call to help other young addicts and also to sing for the Lord. He was being released 4 days after graduation, equipped to serve the Lord!!

A Muslim prisoner, Ibrahim, was sentenced to 18 years in prison for genocide crimes. He appealed his sentence, but five prisoners lied and testified against him in court because Ibrahim's wife had testified against them. As a result, Ibrahim's sentence was changed to life. One of the prisoners who plotted against him, Rine, heard the Gospel in the prison and said that "something inside him" told him that he must tell the truth. When he did, Ibrahim received a new trial, was acquitted, and released. We believe the goodness of the Lord will lead Ibrahim to receive Jesus as His Lord and Savior.



An Update on Joseph

In our last newsletter, we told you about Joseph, one of the men who broke into our house and was caught and sent to prison. The evidence of his repentance is clear because he has not missed a day of attending our prison Bible school since February. Joseph has not yet finished his IVBI course work, but during the graduation in that prison, he gave his testimony and we presented him with a new Bible. We gave an altar call at the end of the graduation and 34 people received Jesus, including a man named Simeon, who masterminded the break-in at our house. We gave Simeon the microphone and he confessed his crime in front of everyone! God continues to show us that He is bringing good from what the enemy meant for evil.

Refugee Camps Ministry

In 2012, God opened a new door of ministry for Send Me International with visits to three refugee camps in Rwanda. In recent months, more than 14,000 refugees have fled the Democratic Republic of Congo due to fighting in that country, bringing the number in the camps to more than 65,000. Over 60% of these are children under 18 and they melted our hearts! The camps are dusty villages with houses made of trees with mud walls and tarp roofs, built across the hillsides. A family of 5 or 6 may live in a space of only 10' x 12' with a cloth to separate "rooms." The Rwandan government is working to help the refugees, but the conditions are difficult.



The process of going into the refugee camps actually began on our trip to the U.S. in 2011, when we spoke with Bill Meyer of Reach Now International, a global food ministry to the needy.



When we returned to Kigali, Parfait went to the Rwandan government officials to seek permission to bring in food shipments. God gave us great favor and our proposal to bring in shipments of fortified rice (mixed with soy protein and minerals) was accepted. This authorization was most unusual because the government normally does not allow outside food shipments in order to encourage people to work and not expect handouts.



In all, we delivered 500,000 meal packets in three camps. We are so grateful to Reach Now International, Feeding the Nations, and Feed My Starving Children, which joined together to send us a total of four cargo containers of the rice. In addition to the much-needed natural food, we delivered the spiritual food of the Gospel and the message of God's love, acceptance and forgiveness through His Son, Jesus. As we spoke to groups of camp residents, many accepted Christ and were delivered from a variety of issues. At the Kiziba refugee camp, many women were set free as Michelle shared on overcoming the enemy's lies and negative emotions. We were able to help a family with materials to finish on the walls of their home, as well clothes and shoes for their children. We blessed one woman with a Bible of her own.

As additional refugees continue to arrive in Rwanda from Congo, we plan to continue to provide humanitarian aid. We believe the camps will be harvest fields for Jesus and that His presence in and among the residents will give hope to all who are seeking refuge there.



Changing Lives Day to Day

Opportunities abound in Rwanda to share the Good News in every day situations. We met Christine, "the corn lady" in this photo, one evening when we stopped at the market where she was selling ears of corn for 16 cents each. In Rwanda, there are few "big box" stores and people buy their food in small shops and open-air markets. We had already bought some corn and didn't need any more, but we felt prompted to stop and talk with her. We shared the Gospel with her, telling her about our wonderful Savior and offering her the free gift of eternal life. Christine received our message and prayed to receive Jesus! We continue to give out "This New Life" books in the Kinyarwanda language to help people understand the basics and blessings of a Christian life.

Elim Children's Home

We continue our partnership with Elim Children's Home, which cares for children whose mothers are HIV/AIDS infected. Sixty young children live in two rented homes. Elim's vision is land and a building of its own to allow the home to be more self-sufficient and provide room to grow. We have previously told you that we received a cow as a gift and gave it to Elim to provide milk. A number of the children are starting first grade and we are helping with uniforms, shoes, and school supplies.



Ministry to Churches

Each weekend, we travel the countryside in Rwanda to minister at different churches. We ministered at Restoration Church in Gikondo during a three-day meeting. One woman was delivered from trying to be acceptable to God through her own self efforts and works; she was overjoyed to discover the rest of God through trusting Him alone and allowing the Holy Spirit to lead and guide her. A young man told Michelle he stayed away from church for nine months after he



got his girlfriend pregnant, believing that God would not forgive him. On the Sunday we were preaching, he said he was in his kitchen and suddenly felt "why can't I go to church?" He came to church and heard Parfait's message on "The Prodigal Son!" God's love drew this prodigal, allowing him to experience personal forgiveness and to know that God was not mad at him.

A Special Need

We are praying for a newer, more economical vehicle. Our 1998 Toyota SUV has been a blessing in getting us through Rwanda's rough country roads each weekend to preach the Gospel at different churches, but it has become too expensive to maintain. If anyone feels led to donate a vehicle or provide funds to purchase one, please get in touch with us.

Please Attend Our Annual SMI Banquet!

You are invited to join us on Friday, September 28, 2012 at 6 p.m. for our annual blessing banquet. The dinner is free, but **we need all guests to RSVP to Parfait at 918-704-0313 or by email to sendmeintl@gmail.com**. The banquet will be held at the Hilton Southern Hills, 7902 South Lewis and is a wonderful time for us to greet you and thank you for your prayers and financial support. In addition to a delicious meal, we will share many photos from this past year and have an inspiring message from a special guest speaker. An offering for the ministry will also be received.

We're Praying for You!

We love and appreciate each of you. You are valuable to God's kingdom and to us; we pray for you on a daily basis and we covet and appreciate your prayers for us. We are deeply grateful for your financial support, without which we could not be in Rwanda. God manifests His great faithfulness through you and we pray that He will multiply back each seed you have sown to reach the nation of Rwanda.

Please don't hesitate to tell us what's going on in your life or let us know how we can stand in prayer with you by sending an email to sendmeintl@gmail.com. Please consider being one of our monthly supporters if you are not one already. You can give via regular mail or online at www.sendmeintl.com. You can also see information about our activities on Michelle's Facebook page.

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