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



It's been an amazing year in Rwanda and we are forever grateful to God and YOU for a fruitful year and an abundant harvest of souls for the kingdom. We returned to Tulsa in time to get "refueled" at the Missions Conference and Word Explosion. This is our annual trip to the U.S. and we look forward to seeing each of you. With joy and thanksgiving, we share some of our recent adventures and blessings in ministry.

Prison Ministry Is Reaping a Harvest!

Send Me International now has seven International Victory Bible Institutes inside different prisons. Two IVBI's celebrated graduations in June, the first occurring in the prison of Mpanga, that was built by the United Nations. This very memorable day began with a procession led by the prison director escorting us, with other guests and prison officials, to a balcony where we were seated overlooking an open

courtyard. **There we looked out over 5,500 prisoners assembled for the service, with our graduates in their caps and gowns in the center!**

It was a day of rejoicing, beginning with praise and worship. Each graduate walked across the balcony to receive a personalized diploma, a new Bible, and the congratulations of all the dignitaries. A word of encouragement and exhortation was given by our guest, Paul Van Dalen, who was joined by his wife, Lanita. Paul has served God, volunteering in California's San Quentin Prison for more than 20 years. Next, testimonies were shared by some of our graduates, including a Muslim man who said that when he entered the prison he couldn't sleep and was using drugs inside the prison. He started attending the Bible school out of curiosity, and soon started sleeping like a baby and lost his desire for drugs. He testified that he now believes that Jesus is the Son of God and he has accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior.



Explaining why he attended the Bible school, another graduate said, "What good is it if you get out of this prison, but you haven't been changed?" The power of these and other testimonies show that the IVBI's are truly transforming lives inside the prisons and preparing men and women to live new, God-directed lives when they are released. After the graduates' testimonies, the prison director said "Surely God is in this place." He then asked the prisoners to join him in singing



his favorite song, "Aha hantu hari Imana," which means "God is in this place." A prison social worker said, "This Bible school is like a bandage on an open wound."

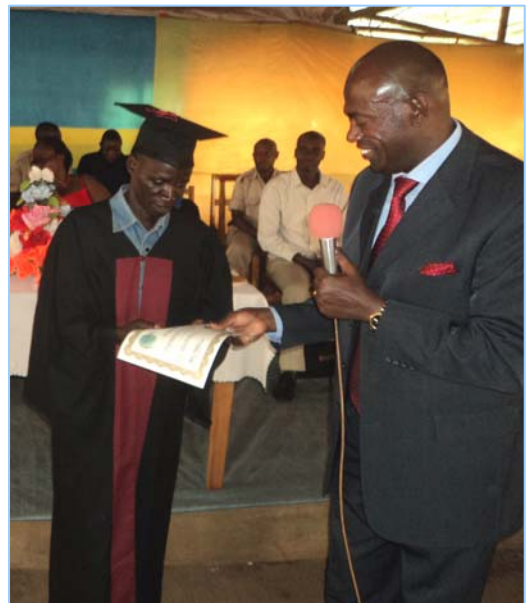
The graduates own motto for their school was "Go and tell them!" What a confirmation of the depth of understanding these students have to evangelize others! As the ceremony drew to a close, Parfait was designated to offer the prayer. Before praying, he felt prompted to ask if anyone

wanted to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior. More than 1,000 hands were raised as people responded to the demonstration of the Gospel we witnessed that day. Words can't describe the atmosphere of awe as people surrendered their lives to Jesus.

Two days later, we celebrated another graduation at Remera Prison, with 2,000 in attendance and over 80 graduates. God's presence was again evident as the prisoners worshiped in song. Paul and Lanita Van Dalen joined us again, with Paul encouraging and exhorting the prisoners. As Parfait was giving an altar call near the end of the ceremony, we had a divine interruption. One Bible school student, who had completed his sentence and been released, came back to the prison, wanting to participate in the graduation. The prison director told him to go put on a graduation cap and gown; thank God we brought an extra gown! Everyone waited for him, clapping and rejoicing that this man would not be denied the opportunity to be part of the official graduation ceremony. He received his diploma, and since he was no longer an inmate, he was given a special seat on the platform with the dignitaries!

Change is obvious in the lives of the prison inmates who attend our Bible schools. Each student is required to read and write a summary of "This New life," Pastor Billy Joe Daugherty's book that Parfait translated in the Kinyarwanda language. This book continues to touch lives for Jesus around the world. With God's favor, the door is now open to put a Bible School in all fourteen of Rwanda's prisons and to give all 60,000 inmates a copy of "This New Life."

Our special thanks to Paul and Lanita Van Dalen for traveling from California to minister with us. Not only did they share the Word, they bought food to bless the prisoners in three different prisons. At one of the prisons, they provided food, toys, and candy to 53 children ages 0 to 3 years, who live with their incarcerated mothers behind prison walls. Once children reach the age of 3, they must go live with other family members or to an orphanage if no family member is available to take them.



A Gift of Honor Brings Blessings to Many



A Rwandan government officer, who is a great man of God, gave us a cow, which in the Rwandan culture is a gift of high honor and friendship. We live in the city and have no place to keep a cow, so the man was kind enough to keep the cow for us for a year. However, he kept asking when we were going to pick it up, especially when the cow became pregnant. The Holy Spirit directed us to the Elim Children's Home, a ministry to women with HIV, and their children. We have shared with you in the past that we have partnered with Elim to help care for these children in ways such as giving shoes, small gifts, help with schooling, and other practical and spiritual needs.

Marie Paule Sebera, founder of Elim, was overjoyed to receive our cow, telling us that a cow was the finest gift someone could give. The cow will provide milk for the children and some milk can be sold to help provide funds for the children's needs.

Still Another Bicycle Story!

One of our International Victory Bible Institute graduates is now the pastor of a church 3.5 hours from Kigali, the capital city. He was given an old, abandoned church building and started from scratch. Now he has a congregation of 60 people and he invited us for an outdoor meeting at his church where 124 people gave their lives to Jesus. We were able to sow a financial seed toward a new roof and floors for his church. When we learned he was walking more than one hour to get to his church, we were also able to bless him with money to buy a bicycle. He was so thankful and is now able to travel much more easily to pray for anyone who gets sick and to have more prayer meetings at his church.



Fruit that Remains

About two years ago, we went to the store because Michelle wanted some chocolate. There we met two young boys who were buying one candy bar to share. Learning they were homeless – the plight of many young children in Rwanda – we gave them food and shared the Gospel. Both boys prayed with us to receive Jesus. One of the boys was Muslim; his name was Harelimana Abdulkarim, but his friends called him Karim. We were blessed to meet him again recently, when he came running up to us, asking us if we remembered him. He told us that he was now attending a church down the street and he had changed his name to Hakizimana Patrick. His

last name means "it is God who saves." We are now helping him find a school so he can get off the streets. It is a great joy when God provides follow up to His divine appointments.

Radio Broadcast Shares the Message of Jesus' Love



A friend of ours offered us the opportunity to share the Good News every Saturday morning for a period of six weeks on a secular radio station in Kigali. This was a wonderful chance to reach an audience that we might not normally have access to. We talked about the love, acceptance and forgiveness found only in Jesus Christ. The response was very encouraging and during the program, many people called in requesting prayer. We also received many text messages telling us that people had received Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

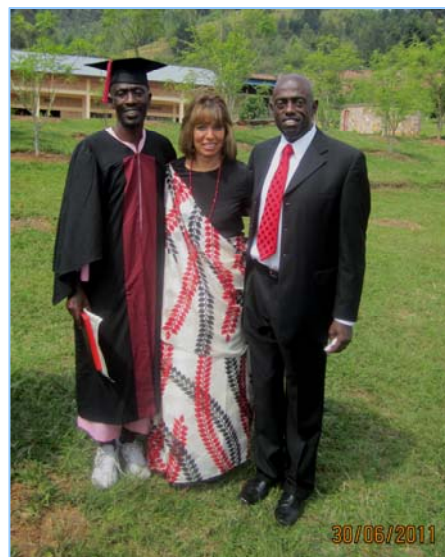
Annual Send Me International Banquet

Each year, it is our honor to host friends, family and supporters at a dinner banquet in Tulsa. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us at the Hilton Southern Hills on Friday, September 23, 2011. Fellowship will begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a short program at 7 p.m. We will show many more photos of our work and bring you up to date on our ministry activities and future plans when we return to Rwanda. We love to see you face-to-face to find out how you are and to let you know how much we appreciate you. We will be sending a separate invitation, but please "save the date" and make plans to attend.

Seeking Speaking Engagements

While we are in the U.S., we will be traveling and visiting churches to share the Word of God and His vision for Send Me International. We want to keep our calendar full, so if you know of a church, a church group such as a home or business fellowship, or even a secular group that would be interested in having us come to speak, please contact us as soon as possible by email or phone: parfait@sendmeintl.com or 918-704-0313.

We want you to know that your prayers and financial gifts in support of Send Me International are reaping a harvest and making a difference for eternity. Not only are thousands hearing and responding to the Gospel, we are also able to help make life better today for many with food, schooling for children, the Bible school in the prisons, and other outreaches to "the least of these." **The need for your support is greater than ever as God opens new doors of opportunity. As always, no gift is too small and we invite you to partner with us on a regular basis.** We pray continually for you, our friends and partners, and ask you to send your specific prayer requests via mail or online through our website at www.sendmeintl.com. Please tell others about Send Me International and invite them to learn more about our ministry at www.sendmeintl.com.



In His Love, *Michelle and Parfait*