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Church Planting Movement Workshop

The last two weeks in August were the culmination of several months of work to bring together a workshop on Church Planting Movements in Kigali. Two facilitators from New Generations International were the catalysts for a whole new way of thinking about and doing evangelism.

I was so proud of the way our team of volunteers, Rwandan and expatriate, worked together to put on the workshop. It turned out to be a bigger logistic challenge than we expected, but it is already evident how God has begun to use this training to light new fires to spread the good news in Africa.



Overall 19 nations were represented with 95 participants in the level One workshop and another 12 in the level Two workshop.

Personal Profile



Alex is a neighbor that we met last year. He came to

the first meeting we held in our home. When we called for testimonies, he gave one from Jeremiah 1 that was very powerful and encouraging to the new missionaries in Rwanda.

Alex is also a church planter, having helped with the planting of several churches in Kigali and Butare.

One of things I like about Alex is his heart for the poor. He is a self-proclaimed

Peace and

Growth in Burundi

In July Timothy Subika and I were blessed to make a visit to Burundi as we were recruiting for our evangelism workshops in Rwanda. We met with some twelve church leaders to explain what to expect from the workshops. Of the twelve leaders we met with, seven came or sent someone for the training.

Having visited Burundi in 2006, I saw a lot of change in the past three years. Burundi experienced genocide similar to Rwanda's except that it was spread over a 14-year war. As peace has returned, the church leaders we met were rejoicing that there is now opportunity and freedom for Christian ministries. Though there are many social issues related to a long war, I sensed that hope and spiritual revival are in the air. Now would be a good time for a mission team to move to Burundi. PLEASE FORWARD me names of any you know who might be interested in going or sending.

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Women's Course Graduation Day

On July, 30, 2009, Nancy wrapped up her first course on quilting. It was very obvious that the ladies she has been working with are very happy with the skills they learned in this first course. Now the women are researching ways that their skills can best be used, that is, developing products that will have value in the markets available. Some are producing small goods such as place mats or table runners. The group will likely continue meeting for



product development. There is discussion about continuing together in a small co-op, while others may proceed independently. There are plans for new intake of students in late November.

Welcoming Visitors and Volunteers

An important part of our ministry in Rwanda is hosting visitors and volunteers. Several have come from our U. S. Team at Missions Resource Network in Texas. They included Dale Hawley, Dottie Schulz and Marti Wise who visited in July. They helped us take care of business and did member-care counseling with our families and teams in Rwanda.

'vagabond' who grew up in the streets of Kampala, Uganda. So he has a compassion for the street boys of Kigali and wants to minister to them.

Alex has begun Future Hope Ministries through which he hopes to bless the youth of Rwanda as well as promote the gospel through disciple-making and church planting. Pray for Alex. May his 'tribe' increase.

Praises

For the committed evangelists we met last month from many parts of Africa. One said, 'If necessary, I will apply for three months advance of my salary so that I can come for the training.' Another said, 'Just help me come to the workshop, I can do without food for one week if necessary.'

Prayer Requests

For Alphonse. He is a genocide orphan whom we trained in disciple making and who is committed to sharing his faith at his university. The week after the workshop his wife was accidentally killed leaving Alphonse with three young children. Pray for his family and his future.



August, Kelley Cook worked with us for nearly three weeks to help host our church planting workshops. We are very grateful to Kelley and others who are willing to travel so far and so selflessly to us and add value to our mission.

For Hammer Afakule, a Ghanaian missionary in Togo who attended our workshop last month. When he returned to Togo he immediately began implementing what he had learned. That week he suffered a stroke. He wrote, 'Satan tried to get me down. He is mistaken, I'd rather have the hammer to nail him down. Please keep on praying for me to get my strength back in my arms and legs. **OUR GOD IS ABLE.**'

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