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We had never met a Pygmy. Nor had we ever prayed and rejoiced with born-again Pygmies. Now we were in their village in the beautiful hills of Burundi, having been taken up there in a five hour drive on a twisting mountain road by our friend Herve from *Burundi Christian Ministries*.

Our visit assured us again that "...*God so loved the world...*" (John 3:16) that the Lord's people can be found everywhere even "...*unto the uttermost parts of the Earth*" (Acts 1:8). We can assure you these are precious people in the Lord. I wish you were with us!

We met Pastor Eddy Bukeyeneza and his partners who provide care for the community including the widows and orphans; he brings to them "...*the words of eternal life...*" (John 6:68). The Pygmy diet, as hunters and gatherers, has been rodents, caterpillars, and leaves. They are also learning farming and soon will have nutritious crops for their meals.

However, for now, they are hungry---very hungry. Would you please pray about sending a tax deductible contribution to provide for the health of the widows and orphans?

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When Mary Jo and I arrived, they gave a celebration of songs and dances unto the Lord and thanked us for designing the multi-purpose building they use for their church and other community gatherings.

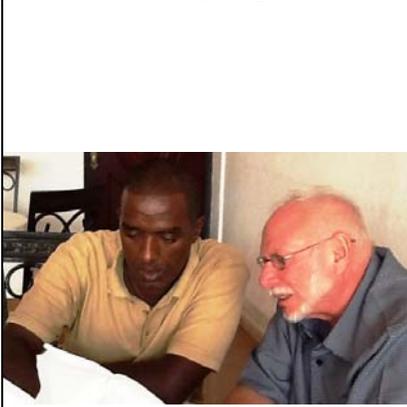
Please PRAY for God's grace upon Pastor Eddy, the church elders, and the 40 Pygmy families that attend this church up in the bush.



The ministry in Karusi is supported and built by John Gibbs and the people of Windermere Baptist Church in Florida

In Bujumbura, the capital city, we immediately became engaged into our assignment: plan and design a new campus for the *International Leadership University-Burundi*.

We met with Vice-Chancellor Dr. Bosela and the senior deans and professors. Over several days we inspected the site and Len worked long hours designing the site and buildings---all spaces has to meet all the university requirements, be functional, meet the budget, and be attractive in Africa.



It is CRU (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ) who invited us to go to Burundi in October. We were asked to meet with the leaders and plan this needed facility for their ministry: to teach leadership and integrity based on the Lord's Scriptures.

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On one of our flights an older American woman sat next to Mary Jo. She talked about reincarnation and thought it was a concept in the Bible. That became a lengthy discussion of the Word of God---because we take seriously the Scriptures “...*always be ready...*” and “...*be fruitful and grow in knowledge...*” (Colossians 1:10) Mary Jo guided her through the Bible and the gospel. We left it in God's will for what would happen after we parted.

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One morning a waiter came up to us while in the breakfast buffet line. He said to Len: “*Last night I was so happy. I went to sleep so happy!*”

Len asked “*Why?*” The answer: “*Because at dinner last night I saw you pray in Jesus' Name*”.

He reminded us of the Lord's command: be His witnesses

This year we have had good opportunities for teaching and discipling several friends in Denver and beyond. The inspiration came from Colossians 1:10 “...*live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God...*”



Leticia is a shop girl at the hotel from 10am to 8pm seven days a week. No time to care for her ten year old son. No time to attend church. Although she wants to.

Orphaned at the end of the savage civil war between Hutus and Tutsis, Leticia could be a poster child for life in Burundi today.

She was 15 years old when her parents were massacred. Within two months she was pregnant. *“Loneliness and grief?”* Mary Jo asked. *“Yes”* she said.

After the war Burundi dealt with their orphan crisis by placing children with families. Leticia did not qualify; she was a little too old.

And she was pregnant. Even her aunt would not take her in.

So she again turned to men and is now living with a Muslim but not married to him.

Asked why she read the Bible all day at work, she explained that a few months ago an evangelist came to town. She repented and believed---now she is trying to follow Jesus.

Sensing an opportunity to encourage this toddler in the faith, Mary Jo visited her every day. They talked about the Lord, prayed, and memorized Bible verses.

She was really surprised when Mary Jo said that she truly did believe in God. Leticia said when white women from Europe enter the little shop, she wants to learn about God from them but they do not believe in Him.

Mary Jo said: *“She was really glad that I do. And she was really glad to be taught and built up. She wanted me to be her spiritual mom. But she has no internet access. So I ask the God who introduced us to care for and guide her”*.

Please pray for Leticia.

“...the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective”. (James 5:16)

We love you and are thankful for your prayers and contributions!

Let us each be encouraged as we prepare for what God has ahead. We hope and pray we will not look
“...at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen

; for the things which are seen are temporary; but the things which are not seen are eternal”. (2
Corinthians 4:18)

From Len and Mary Jo Rosenberg

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Christmas!

