



## INDIGENOUS TRAINING MINISTRIES, INC.

### REVC'S NEWS & VIEWS

by  
RevC

June 2015

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

## RWANDA, AFRICA



This month I would like to give you some insight into life in Rwanda and share a little about the church where our CTC meets. This is a story about God's faithfulness and grace in the midst of much hardship!



Africa is not exactly my favorite place to go because it takes about 32 hours to get there. After 4 flights, I arrived in Kigali, Rwanda at about 11 p.m. Rwandan

time. I was greeted by our CTC director for Rwanda, Dr. George Kurenji, and taken to a small bed and breakfast located on the outskirts of Kigali in a small village called Kabuga. I was tired and needed rest as I had been ill all week and was only just beginning to feel a little better. I took some meds and laid down on a comfortable looking bed. Little did I know the mattress had hidden pockets you couldn't detect until you rolled into one and part of your body disappeared. I seem to always get the bed that defies a good night's sleep! I was only down for about 4 hours and couldn't take it any longer so I got up and began to prepare for the day. It was Sunday morning and I knew we would attend church where the CTC classes were being held. I had already told the men who met me that I only felt like greeting, not preaching. I was being honest, as I really was not feeling all that good physically. I turned on the water in the shower area of the bathroom only to learn there was no hot water, just iced cold water. At least when you're done, you're wide awake!

After getting dressed, I spent some time in prayer and began to look through God's Word for whatever He might want me to say in my short time of greeting the congregation. The Holy Spirit led me to **Habakkuk 1:5** Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvelously: for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you. With this and some

thoughts on how God is moving among His people all over the world, I was ready to encourage our Rwandan brothers and sisters! I would tell them to believe God to do great and mighty things in and through them that they would not believe even if He were to tell them ahead of time. It was a message close to my own heart; God has done things in my life this past couple of years that I would not have believed even if I had been told – things that seemed impossible! But GOD specializes in the seemingly impossible! **PTL!!**

The young man who worked at this small bed & breakfast made Dr. George and me a potato omelet (this was a first). It filled a large dinner plate and was full of chunks of



potato, some onion, and tomato. Actually, it didn't taste bad and was very filling.



Soon we were on our way, off the main paved road to the hard packed and deeply rutted dirt roads that made travel slow and uncomfortable. There were people walking along the side of the roads, many with large items carried on their heads, not even using their hands. I saw men pushing bicycles loaded with bananas or other items, children dragging a piece of plastic with a short rope as their only play toy, and women in colorful dresses. One thing I noticed was that the whole time I was in Rwanda, I only saw **two** men smoking a cigarette. Thank you Jesus!



An interesting side note: Large numbers of people who don't have



vehicles hop a ride on a bike. If you can afford a few cents, you step up to the passenger seat on a fancy, well equipped single

speed bike. These bikes can be found all over Kabuga from early morning to late at night. In the photos, note the decorated thick cushioned passenger seat, extra hand grips for the passenger, foot rests extended from the back axle, multiple reflectors on the front and rear fenders, and many young men ready to carry you up or down the hilly dirt roads that make up the countryside. If you're in a hurry and can afford it, you can hire a motorcycle taxi.



We made our way past a variety of homes. Some had metal entrance gates and brick walls, others had walls made from high hedge rows and no entrance gates, and still others with no walls and

no hedge rows. I got the feeling that the further we moved from the town, the more humble were the dwelling places. This house is outside our CTC site.

Soon we turned downhill and the road became one lane with deeper ruts cut by past rainwater rushing downhill. We stopped at the entrance to Skyline Academy, a compound developed by Richard Munyerango. The school's purpose is to provide education and training to help small farmers learn how to make the most of the small parcels of land they farm. The academy has since grown large enough to house an elementary school. Richard graciously provided a piece of land for a United Christian Church congregation to erect a temporary meeting place that also houses our CTC program. The church's building consists of wooden poles, a sheet metal roof and colorful plastic walls. The pastor's of-



Church — Pastor's Office

Pastor Moses, one of our students who speaks good English and translated for me all week, shared with me that the Rwandan government has provided for freedom of religion. However, they have also passed a law requiring all churches to have a permanent building. Since this building is not permanent, the authorities have come three times to tear it down. They withdrew each time due to the influence that Richard has with the government.

The service went well and, as



fice is the same but with no windows. The church is a lively, Spirit – filled group that loves to sing and dance before the Lord as the Spirit moves them, which He often does!



George, RevC, Pastor, His wife



I should have known, Pastor wanted me to preach and not just greet the congregation. God was gracious and I was able to add enough, as the Spirit led, to provide the encouragement God wanted me to share with His people. On Monday, we started the week of teaching with our 25+ students in attendance. It was a great week and I grew stronger each day by God's grace. There is more to tell but it will have to wait until next month.

Know you are in my prayers and that we deeply appreciate and need your support! We are still far short of our **"Project Gideon"** goal. Please pray with us about this opportunity and pledge to give **\$15 or \$30** each month toward our project expenses! 100% of these gifts go to the field! See directions on giving below.

**Together We're Making A Difference!**

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** To support RevC or a particular project you can either donate online at [www.rev.org](http://www.rev.org) by clicking the **"RevC Support"** button or the **"Project Support"** button, or send your gift to **Indigenous Training Ministries, Inc. (ITM, Inc.)** and mail to **P.O. Box 958 Oldsmar, FL 34677** and put **"Preference Project Support"** or **"Preference RevC"** on the check memo line. The IRS does not allow donors to designate a gift, but you can indicate your **"preference"** for its use. You can contact RevC at: [RevC@rev.org](mailto:RevC@rev.org) **THANK YOU!**

Notwithstanding any other statements in this communication, please remember that any contributions to MVI or ITM are under their full discretion and control as is required by IRS regulations." TM REGISTRATION: CH43132 "A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFO MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL-FREE (800-435-7352) WITHIN FL. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY FL."