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

Greetings in the Mighty Name of Jesus! Time flies when you are serving the Lord. It's amazing to see what the Lord continues to do in the country of Rwanda. The people here are so hungry for the Good News, it was actually reported that on New Year's Eve, more people spent the evening in churches than in bars and night clubs! Many churches had overnight prayer and we joined with others for an overnight prayer service that lasted from 9:00 pm until 6:00 am the next morning. The church was full by 6:00 pm – three hours before the service was scheduled to begin! Many watched the service on a screen outside when they ran out of space inside. What a joy to see people so eager for the things of God and what a wonderful way to begin a new year!



We are privileged to serve the people of Rwanda and since we returned here in December, we have seen many people give their lives to Jesus, many come back to the Lord, and even more receive the assurance of their salvation. We continue to share the Good News every Sunday at different churches, and we have had the opportunity to preach at universities, schools, prisons and prayer groups.

## Ministering to Children

The highlight of our ministry in Rwanda is ministering to children. A candy is wonderful "fishing bait," to help us share the love of Jesus and everywhere we go, there are many children. We have been ministering to children in our neighborhood – see the photo above of children with their new Hot Wheels – and also on the streets, in the schools, in the prisons, in the churches, and in the orphans' homes. In some of the prisons where we are ministering, there is an average of 30 children ranging in ages from newborn to 3 years old. These children are allowed to live with their mothers in the prison, but after the age of 3 years, a home outside the prison must be found for them.



## Elim Children's Home



Thanks to you, our supporters, we were able to bless the children at the Elim Children's Home with Christmas gifts. This is a home we have mentioned before which takes in children whose mothers have HIV/AIDS. The home ministers to the children as well as the mothers. We thank Believers Christian Fellowship of Muskogee, Oklahoma for blessing us with dolls and books to give away. You should see the face of a little girl when she receives a doll that sings for the first time in her life. We also thank Muldrow First Assembly of Muldrow, Oklahoma for blessing us with

thousands of Hot Wheels to give away. You might think Hot Wheels would only be popular with the boys, but here, even the girls like them. We believe children better understand our loving, giving Savior when we can give them a candy, a book, a doll or a Hot Wheels car as we share with them how much Jesus loves and cares for them. With or without a gift, however, we have never seen a child refuse to accept Jesus and eagerly reach out to receive the most precious gift of eternal life.



## A Very Special Boy

We are helping more children go to school including 11-year-old Jean Bosco, whom we met one Saturday while prayer walking and giving away toys in the valley not too far from our home. He was our most special divine appointment among many children that were present that day. He had not been in school for a whole year due to lack of school supplies and tuition. Jean Bosco lives with his father far away from his mother and other siblings. His father brought him when he came seeking a job near the city. So far, the father



has only been able to find small jobs here and there, making it difficult to provide for his family. The last time Jean Bosco was in school, he was in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. When we met him, school had already started a month earlier. We found favor with the school director after he heard his story, but it was necessary for him to begin in the second grade because the school system has changed from French to English teaching. An education will make this child's future much brighter and we thank you, our partners, for making it possible for Jean Bosco to return to school.

## Update on Mugisha & Ange

We told you previously about 8-year-old Mugisha and his little sister, Ange, who is 5. These two were inseparable, but Mugisha had to go to school, leaving her behind. Their mother is a poor, single mom and we were able to help her get a job at the nearby farm. Now she has another job sweeping the streets and is earning enough to put food on the table. Ange spent the last year roaming on the street in our neighborhood or playing by herself near their house. Now Ange has joined her brother and they go to school together. They are part of our team of children that Send Me International is helping with school supplies and tuition. Ange is not left behind any more and the smiles on the faces of both children tell you more than words could ever say.



## More Good News from the Prisons



Our work in the prisons has expanded; we now have six International Victory Bible Institutes and the number soon will be seven. We are receiving many testimonies about how our students in the prison have learned to trust the Lord and seek His help. Before they started attending the Bible School, they were without hope for their future. Now, many have been released and we want to share the stories of two.

Protegene, who is 18, was recently cleared of a serious offense. While he spent 8 months in prison awaiting his trial, he helped us set up the sound system for our Bible School. Every time Parfait spoke to him, Protegene claimed to be innocent. He attended Bible School regularly and learned how to play guitar. Two days before his trial, a lawyer came "from nowhere" and took his case. Protegene was cleared and released! He has returned to high school for his sophomore year and is so thankful for what the Lord has done. With his guitar, he now plans to join the praise and worship team at his church. Your gifts of love allowed Send Me International to assist Protegene with his uniform, backpack and school supplies.

Janvier was another student who attended our International Victory Bible Institute in the prison. He was released from prison while attending our Bible School and continued to attend by correspondence while outside. It was not easy for Janvier to get back on his feet after being in the prison for many months. The only thing he had was a small piece of land about 40 minutes away from the capital city of Kigali. He worked hard doing carpentry work and construction work to earn some money to build a house. When we went to visit him, he had almost finished his house, but lacked the necessary roofing. Once again, through your generosity, we were able to bless him with the remainder of the materials to allow him to complete his roof.





## Teaching the Word of God

Michelle taught on prayer for a week during the lunch hour at one of Kigali's main churches. She felt very humbled and honored to be invited by a group of intercessors who fast and pray for 40 days regularly. God used her to bless the people and one of the days, she taught on unforgiveness as Parfait translated. The Holy Spirit told her to have Parfait share his testimony and many came forward, repenting of unforgiveness. The Holy Spirit was at work and God did great things; to Him be all the glory!

## ANOTHER Bicycle Story!

Pastor John, who is from Louange (meaning "Praise") Church in Parfait's home area, has been faithful to God, walking three hours to get to his church to minister. We met him by divine appointment and learned of the great work he is doing at his church. We felt led to buy him a bicycle, allowing him to now reach his church in less than an hour. When you get to heaven and someone says to you, "Thank you for the bicycle!" don't act like you don't know what he's talking about! Just give the glory to our God, who cares about not only the spiritual things, but also the practical needs of His people.



## Bearing Good Fruit for God's Kingdom

Whether we are sharing books at a school, as pictured here, or ministering in prisons, schools, churches, and on the streets, we praise God that we're here in Rwanda. We also enjoy going to people's homes to minister and pray in one-on-one evangelism encounters. We trust the Spirit to lead us to the right places and for God to open the doors. Greater things are yet to be done in this city and country and **we need your financial support. No gift is too small and we invite you to partner with us on a regular basis.** Thank you for your generous giving and faithful prayers – may the Lord bless you and make you a blessing! 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](http://www.sendmeintl.com). Please tell others about Send Me International and invite them to learn more about our ministry at [www.sendmeintl.com](http://www.sendmeintl.com).



In His Love, *Michelle and Parfait*