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Winning souls through the love of God

We have just returned to the U.S. and look forward to seeing many of you soon. We want to give you a quick update of all that God has been doing in Rwanda, thanks to you! God is faithfully fulfilling the vision He continues to set forth for Send Me International and it's our privilege to carry out His plans.

Sweet Smiles

We never cease to be amazed and grateful when we share such a small gift as candy with the children we encounter. Their joy fills the air and I assure you that the person behind the camera was smiling just as broadly. A simple candy opens the door to telling these young ones about the greatest gift ever received by mankind – the Son of God, Jesus. Lollipops are a sweet demonstration of the Gospel!



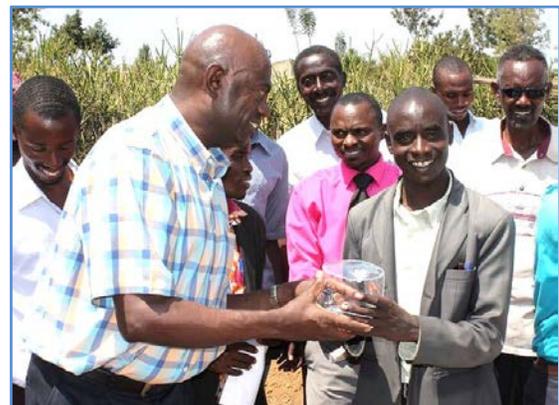
Food Distribution



The photo to the left shows us at a village on top of Mount Jali where 28 disadvantaged families are living in government-sponsored housing. When we asked them what they would most like to receive, their answer was corn flour. We provided each family with 22 lbs. of the flour, which they use to make a hot drink in the morning and for a cornbread or mush in the evening. We also gave all the children new teeshirts, a gift from one of our supporters, Jack Wills and his family. Of course, we took this opportunity to bring these families the hope of the Gospel and the love of Jesus!

Refugee Camp Ministry

Ministry in refugee camps continues to be an important outreach of Send Me International. The camps vary in size, with the largest housing 60,000 men, women and children who have fled from civil unrest in neighboring countries. The camps are a safe and orderly place, but still there are many needs. We continue to take inflatable solar lights into the camps, a great blessing since the camps have little electricity. Meeting practical needs gives us the opportunity to speak to thousands of the camps' residents and tell them the Good News of salvation, healing and forgiveness found only in Jesus. Over 1,000 lights were distributed to camp residents in 2018, thanks to Coldwell Banker Select in Tulsa and a church in Durango, Colorado.



More Prison Graduates

In 2018, we held seven prison graduation ceremonies, awarding diplomas to 592 student inmates who completed the first year Bible school curriculum. At each graduation, government officials attend and honor the graduating inmates. These government officials recognize the positive change the Bible schools are making in the prisons and they are very supportive. The graduations are also attended by many inmates who are not attending the Bible school. They hear the Gospel and powerful testimonies from some of the graduates who relate the impact of the teaching on their own lives.



Send Me International continues to sponsor 14 International Victory Bible Institute schools in the country's prisons where the men and women experience the life-changing transformation that Jesus offers to everyone. The prisoners are able to accept responsibility for their wrongdoing, come to peace with the consequences, and in receiving forgiveness from Jesus, also forgive others who have hurt them. They also learn to overcome what can be the greatest obstacle – how to forgive themselves. Presently, we have 1,327 students enrolled in the Bible schools and more will soon be added from the prisons where the graduations occurred. We are working on curriculum for a second-year Bible school program. We find that the student inmates – who are our best form of “advertising” to encourage other inmates to apply for enrollment – want more teaching after finishing the first year of classes.

Elim Children Thriving

Thanks to you, the residents of the Elim Children's Home are doing well. We are able to provide a portion of the children's daily meals and also school tuition and uniforms for many of them. The mothers of these children are HIV-positive and are unable to provide for the children's basic needs. Elim gives the boys and girls a safe and wholesome environment to grow in. Each year, one of our greatest joys is celebrating Christmas at Elim and bringing special treats and small gifts to all the children.



Thank you for your prayers and financial support as Send Me International continues to carry out God's plans for Rwanda. We cannot do this work without you and we pray for you and love hearing from you. We will have another newsletter later this year. We want to share with you that Michelle is planning to undergo treatment this fall for a challenging health condition. As you give to support this ministry and its ongoing work in Rwanda, we want you to be aware that Send Me International's Board has committed to provide some financial support toward Michelle's current needs. Please see the enclosed personal letter from Michelle.

With grateful thanks, *Parfait & Michelle*