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Winning souls through the love of God

## A New Year to Reach People for Jesus!

We send you our best wishes for the New Year, believing that 2020 will be one of blessings and prosperity in Jesus for each of you. Our prayer for you is 3 John 2, "Beloved we wish above all things that you would prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers." As we enter the second decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we know there is much work still to be done to spread the Good News and provide encouragement and practical help to those in need.

## Trip to Rwanda & Idjwi Island

Parfait leaves for Rwanda on February 16<sup>th</sup>, returning to Tulsa on March 16<sup>th</sup>. We are very excited about the open doors the Lord is providing for this trip. As Michelle continues to progress in the restoration of her health and remains in Tulsa, these short-term trips are packed full of ministry opportunities.

In March 2013, Parfait first visited Idjwi, a remote island in Lake Kivu between Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Lake Kivu is similar to the Great Lakes in North America. In May 2013, both Parfait and Michelle went to Idjwi to minister and assist a church there. The conditions on Idjwi are primitive, but peaceful and thankfully removed from the conflicts in Congo. The island people are welcoming and so hungry for more of the Good News; it is such a joy to spend time with them.



Reaching Idjwi is a travel adventure! It is three hours by car to the Congo border, then we cross the border and travel two hours by boat to reach the island. From there, it is another hour by motorbike to the village. It is a great occasion to the villagers when visitors come and they show us wonderful hospitality and kindness.

Send Me International partnered with the people of the village to build a church, but it was destroyed this past year when a terrible storm hit the island. It was too unstable to use, so the bricks were removed to re-use them in the future to rebuild. The photos below show the building has been enclosed with sheets of tin and it is filled to capacity for their worship services. We want to raise



\$9,000 to build a good foundation and purchase metal beams for the walls and roof. Will you join us in this project? To fully rebuild the church, installing the brick and a new roof, will cost \$15,000. If you would like to be a part of this project, please designate any gift for "Idjwi Church."



## Prison Ministry, Graduations & Second-Year Bible Schools

During this trip, Parfait will teach in every prison Bible School and connect with the leaders who oversee each school and assure that they have all the resources needed for success in teaching the inmates. Diplomas are being printed for award to over 339 inmates who have now completed all requirements for the first year Bible School curriculum.

During last summer's month-long trip to Rwanda, it was our privilege to establish a second year Bible School program in seven of the prisons. On this upcoming trip, we will launch the second year Bible Schools in the six remaining prisons. We stand in awe of what God is doing in the prisons and that He has made the way to provide two years of Bible-based instruction for the inmates. Lives are being changed each and every day and it is making a difference in life inside prison walls and outside as inmates complete their sentences and are released.

## Refugee Camp Ministry

Thanks to our amazing supporters at Coldwell Banker Select in Tulsa, we have just received delivery of over 800 inflatable solar lights for distribution at refugee camps inside Rwanda's borders on the upcoming trip. These lights are greatly appreciated by the residents of the camps where there is no electricity in the camp shelters for the individual families. The solar battery of the light lasts for many hours after charging in the sun and the lights even have settings for low and high.



## Radio & Candy Blessings!



Technology makes it possible for us to continue our weekly radio broadcasts that reach over three million people. We are able to share the Gospel and Scriptures, offering words of hope and encouragement to our listeners. Our thanks to the partners that make this ministry possible and the radio stations in Rwanda that assure the Good News is being heard in the messages that we provide. As always, we never travel in Rwanda without a good supply of candy so we are prepared for divine appointments with young ones who eagerly receive the treat of a lollipop and just as eagerly listen when we tell them of Jesus' love.

## Update on Michelle's Healing

Michelle continues to diligently exercise and receive therapies to regain muscle strength and rebuild her immune system with supplements and IV therapy as needed. Michelle cannot wait to get back on the mission field; please agree with us for the breakthrough that she needs. We are declaring restoration and her healthiest year ever in 2020 and we believe the same for each of you according to your needs.

Thank you for your continuing prayers and for financial support as the Lord leads you. We cannot do this work without you and we pray for you always and love to hear from you. We are on Facebook under Michelle Karekezi or Parfait Karekezi. You can email us at [sendmeintl@gmail.com](mailto:sendmeintl@gmail.com) and give online through our website [www.sendmeintl.com](http://www.sendmeintl.com).

With grateful thanks, *Parfait & Michelle*