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Winning souls through the love of God

## A New Assignment for the New Year

Greetings in the name of Jesus! We welcome the new year of 2023, looking forward to all God has in store. We know the Father's heart is for an abundant end-time harvest and Send Me International (SMI) has a wonderful opportunity to help plant a new church in Rwanda!

Parfait returns to Rwanda in February for the first time since the 2020 travel restrictions began. Joining him will be Pastors Stephen and Malinda Cline, who lead The Highlands Church of Ft.



Worth, Texas. The Clines and their church are long-time SMI supporters and this trip will begin work to plant a church in Rambya, a town of 23,000 four hours southwest of Kigali, where half the residents are children and youth.

This church building in Rambya was partially constructed, then abandoned several years ago. Partnering with The Highlands Church, we are raising \$30,000 to buy and finish the building, plus buy adjacent land for a future pre-school that we believe will grow to include higher grades. Pastor Dominique Nsabimana will lead the new

church, with Parfait and Pastor Stephen providing oversight. See how you can be part of this exciting project at the end of the newsletter!

## Prison Bible Schools Going Strong

The ministry model God gave SMI has allowed the Bible Schools in each of Rwanda's thirteen prisons to operate without interruption during the pandemic. With outside supervision by a chaplain, men and women inmates can complete the First Year or Second Year Bible School curriculum, finding God's love, acceptance and forgiveness through Christ. Parfait normally leads cap-and-gown graduation ceremonies at each prison, personally awarding each graduate his or her diploma. That is not yet possible, but he will deliver 1,165 personalized First Year diplomas and 882 personalized Second Year diplomas to the prisons, with each facility determining how best to honor the graduates and present the diplomas.



## Radio Ministry

Like the Bible Schools, Parfait's twice-weekly radio program has continued without interruption, featuring new messages and previous broadcasts so millions can hear positive, uplifting Bible teaching that always includes the Gospel and a prayer of salvation. While in Rwanda, Parfait and Pastor Stephen will do one live program and Parfait will record many new programs to leave for later broadcast. The messages are also available upon request through the digital platform, WhatsApp.

## Other Ministry Plans for the Rwanda Trip

Parfait will again visit the remote school run by nuns to share the Good News with the students and bring new sports equipment. This photo shows students helping to clear a field by hand to build their own basketball and volleyball court so their games will



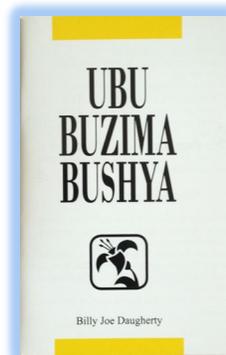
no longer depend on borrowing a nearby church's court. We will also visit the nursery school we have previously helped with play equipment and learning aids for the children. A refugee camp visit is unlikely on this trip, as the



camps cannot yet host large evangelistic meetings. Parfait also hope to visit Idjwi, the remote island in the middle of Lake Kivu, where windows and doors are still needed to finish restoring the island's church that was destroyed in a storm.

## This New Life Books – Reprinting Urgently Needed

Several years ago, SMI had Pastor Billy Joe Daugherty's mini book, This New Life, translated into the Kinyarwanda language, with thousands printed. We have almost no copies left and this is a required book for our Bible Schools, plus one is given to each inmate as they complete their prison sentence. The most inexpensive option is \$ .80 per book, printed in Rwanda to avoid shipping costs. These books are a vital evangelism tool in all our ministry work in Rwanda and we are raising \$16,000 to have 20,000 copies printed.



## An Update from Michelle

Michelle continues to stand for the full restoration of her health just as the Lord has spoken to her through prophetic words, dreams, and the Bible, knowing God is faithful to His promises! We believe 2023 will be our best year ever. We shall all be at the right place at the right time to reach the harvest. Whether with "boots on the ground" in Rwanda or from the U.S. through the marvels of this digital age, SMI continues to actively focus on its core missions in Rwanda and bring people to a saving knowledge of Jesus! We remain active in our local church and Bible studies, and Parfait is happy to accept invitations to speak to churches and groups of any size.

## Your Financial Support Is Needed & Making a Difference!

Your financial gifts of any amount in support of (1) **the upcoming Rwanda trip**, (2) **the Rambya church plant**, and (3) **This New Life reprint** will be greatly appreciated. Your partnership with SMI continues to make an eternal difference in the lives of thousands of people through SMI's different areas of outreach. You share in the rewards of this ministry through your prayers and generous giving. You can give by check payable to Send Me International, P. O. Box 703071, Tulsa, OK 74170, and you can give by credit card or PayPal by clicking the "Donate" button from the home page of our website, [www.sendmeintl.com](http://www.sendmeintl.com). If you wish to designate your funds for one of the three areas listed above, please note in your giving. We are on Facebook under Michelle Karekezi or Parfait Karekezi and you can reach us with prayer requests or to stay in touch and share news by emailing us at [sendmeintl@gmail.com](mailto:sendmeintl@gmail.com).



Thank you & may God's richest blessings be yours,

*Parfait & Michelle*