



Sub-Saharan
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A STORY OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

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RUGARAMA CHURCH

Rwanda



Thank you for your generous contribution

Sample Donor,

Your generous contribution set in motion the labor and materials needed to bring a new church building to life. This structure is not just a sanctuary for worship but a powerful tool to spread the Good News of Jesus through discipleship and church planting.

Throughout this book, you will discover how your support through ICM makes a difference. Read how **Rugarama Church** in **Rwanda** will become a pillar in their community, transforming lives through the Gospel!

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Africa Profile

Africa is the second-largest and second-most populous continent, covering about 30.3 million square kilometers and home to over 1.4 billion people. It is a diverse continent with 54 recognized countries, each with unique cultures, languages, and histories. Africa is rich in natural resources, including vast mineral deposits, fertile land, and abundant wildlife. The continent has a young and rapidly growing population, contributing to dynamic economic development in sectors such as technology, agriculture, and manufacturing.



1.4 billion | Population

3,744 | People Groups

987 | Unreached People Groups

3,317 | ICM Construction Projects Built

Challenges

THEY CONTINUE TO FACE

Africa faces numerous challenges, including church growth, violence, prostitution, human trafficking, HIV/AIDS, drug use, lack of trained pastors, and the cultural influence of Islam.

PROJECT ASSIGNMENT

Rugarama Church

Rwanda | 22RW24745RPAG

CHURCH HISTORY

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Adrien Munyaneza founded the church in 2013 with 7 members. He chose this location because the RPAG church he attended was far away. He and his pastor decided to plant a new church closer to his home. They preached house to house and held crusades and concerts. Pastor Adrien offered his land to the church, and the deed was transferred to RPAG. The current mud and tree building is old and doesn't meet government standards. The church is expected to grow further once they have a stronger building, by God's grace.

The Story of Rugarama Church

In the community of Rugarama, nestled in the heart of Rwanda's eastern region, a vision began to take shape.

Founded on 12/14/2013, Rugarama Church had grown to serve a vibrant community of 3,000 people, with 70 children and 108 adults regularly attending services.

Under the compassionate leadership of Pastor Adrien Munyaneza, the church had become a beacon of hope and faith for the Kinyarwanda-speaking community.



Five Signs of a **HEALTHY CHURCH**

Over time, we have identified five essential signs of thriving churches. These signs are necessary but not sufficient on their own, nor are they the only requirements for a healthy church. Ultimately, a healthy church depends on God's Spirit and the faithful obedience of His people.





GATHER

A Secure Space for Worship and Community

A church needs a safe and reliable place to gather for worship, prayer, and fellowship.

Hebrews 10:24-25



COMMUNITY

Congregations That Demonstrate Love in Action

Healthy churches demonstrate Christ's love by fostering relationships and discipleship within the congregation, which includes small groups and other community-focused initiatives.

John 13:35



LEADERSHIP

Spiritually Mature and
Faithful Leaders

Churches require leaders who are grounded in scripture, able to teach, and demonstrate spiritual maturity to shepherd their congregations effectively.

1 Timothy 3:2



DISCIPLESHIP

Devotion to God's Word
and Spiritual Growth

The health of a congregation goes beyond the building. Thriving churches prioritize studying and applying God's Word.

2 Peter 3:18

*"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To him be glory both now and forever! Amen." — 2 Peter 3:18*



MULTIPLICATION

Expanding God's Kingdom Through Discipleship

Healthy churches are committed to making disciples and planting new churches.

Matthew 28:19-20



PROGRESS



Building Hope and Faith

The believers in **Rugarama, Rwanda** tirelessly worked on the construction, transforming raw materials into a sanctuary of hope and faith.

With each milestone, they submitted photos of their progress, releasing funds for their next stage of development. All thanks to your generous support.

Your investment was not just building a structure; it was building God's kingdom, one brick at a time. The laborers were kept in prayers, asking for strength, safety, and divine guidance as they brought this vision to life.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." — Philippians 4:13

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He was introduced to Jesus by his parents in August 1997, at the age of 17. He received Jesus and joined the Assemblies of God. In June 1998, he was water baptized, and by the end of the year, he was filled with the Holy Spirit. God called him to go to Rugarama, a call confirmed by his pastor. Since then, he has been preaching the gospel to unbelievers, holding church services, praying with members, fasting, organizing evening crusades and concerts, and inviting unbelievers.

PASTOR TESTIMONIAL



Adrien Munyaneza
Rugarama Church

B U I L D I N G G O D ' S K I N G D O M



*Upon this Rock I will build my church,
and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. — Matthew 16:18*

B R I C K B Y B R I C K



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We see God's love through our church members' family, and people around us see the good example from them.

DEDICATION

Celebrating what God made Possible





Rejoice! **Rugarama Church** celebrated the dedication of their new church building.

Believers watched in anticipation as Pastor Adrien Munyaneza cut the ribbon on the front door and welcomed them inside for the first time. They danced, shouted, and cried tears of joy as they experience the fulfillment of God's promises.



Thanks to you, Rugarama Church is now a cornerstone of their community, sharing the message of Jesus with those who had been waiting to hear. Rugarama Church is standing as a shining testament to God's love and provision, drawing countless souls in Rwanda's Eastern region closer to Him.

Celebrating “Foundations”

ICM’s Bible Survey Curriculum

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ICM is currently implementing
Church Development and
Foundations strategies in

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countries across
Sub-Saharan Africa

Your partnership is revolutionizing discipleship in Sub-Saharan Africa! Over **6.4 million people** have accessed Scripture through broadcasts, training, and solar-powered devices loaded with the Bible and discipleship resources in **12 languages**. With Judea Harvest and Eagle Academy, we've trained over **9,000 pastors and leaders** for free, overcoming illiteracy and financial barriers. These are just a few of the strategies ICM is using, paving the way for even greater impact across the continent.

SCRIPTURE
ENGAGED DISCIPLES

6.4 Million

LANGUAGES
TRANSLATED

12

PASTOR'S AND
LEADERS TRAINED

9,000



THANK YOU

Thank you for partnering with ICM and global
partners to build a healthy church withing distance
of everyone in the world!



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