



Equipping pastors to abide in and feed their congregations from God's Word.

Africa Trip Follow-Up

In June, Pastor Gary Dozier from the Romans Project Headquarters in the US traveled to Nairobi, Kenya, home base for Ken Onywoki, the Africa International Director. Together, Gary and Ken traveled to Madagascar and then to Burundi, two of our newest RP countries to open in the past year. It is the goal of the RP to send a delegate from the US along with a Director when a new country opens in order to equip and encourage the new Facilitator.

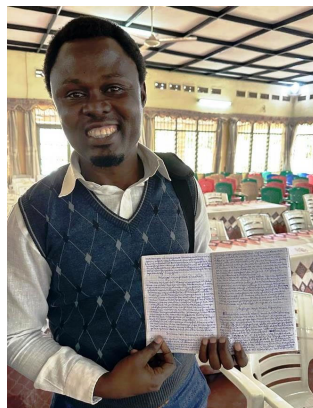


Gary, Mamy and Ken in Madagascar

While in Madagascar, Mamy Rasolofondrainibe, the National Facilitator arranged a pastors' gathering where Ken and Gary introduced 120 pastors, representing 44 denominations, to the RP. Being able to observe Ken and Gary lead the gathering provided Mamy an example for how he can lead gatherings and introduce the RP to pastors throughout Madagascar. The pastors who attended the gathering were enthusiastic about the challenge. One in particular, Pastor Fafa, said that he will begin reading today!

The next stop for Gary and Ken was Burundi where the National Facilitator, Leonidas Ntakirutimana had also arranged a pastors' gathering, inviting nearly 300 pastors to attend. However, due to a severe fuel shortage and extreme poverty throughout the country, 42 pastors were able to come. While the turnout was not what they had hoped or expected, it was still a valuable time for Gary and Ken of shepherding Leonidas in his new role as Facilitator.

Meeting Dr. Marcel, one of 17 pastors who came to the gathering having completed the initial challenge, was of value as well. Gary observed that Dr. Marcel showed potential for being a Regional Facilitator to give support and assistance to Leonidas.



Dr. Marcel

Please pray for Mamy and Leonidas as they follow up with the pastors who attended the Gatherings. Pray also for wisdom, strength and perseverance as they lead the RP in their countries.

Report from Rwanda

Justin Birangwa, our National Facilitator for Rwanda, recently reported on the benefit of following up with pastors as they do the initial challenge. Justin himself has been following up with 23 pastors. One of the pastors, Pastor Athanase, completed the RP initial challenge in June and was awarded his certificate and SD Card. Justin said Pastor Athanase was so excited and has agreed to partner with him in spreading the RP to many pastors in his circle.

When Justin followed up with another pastor, Pastor Felicien, he mentioned three other pastors who had accepted and completed the challenge. Pastor Felicien told of a fourth pastor who had decided not to take the RP challenge, but later came and saw how he was doing the reading and writing and decided to start also. Justin said, "I was very encouraged to hear this. Please, rejoice with me." He went on to say that this has shown him the power of walking together as a community.



Rwanda Commissioning

Praise God for the multiplication of the RP taking place among the pastors in Rwanda.