

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

## Virtual Conference

This month, the facilitators met in a conference call to share how ministry has been going for them during these two months of social distancing. It was a chance to catch up, encourage one another, pray together, and inspire one another. We got to hear the ways that the facilitators continue to reach out to church leaders using various online means such as WhatsApp, Facebook, and texting.



Pastor in Burkina Faso who travelled over 100km (62mi) to receive his certificate and MP3 player

"Pray for the pastors to overcome all the obstacles and challenges they have due to COVID-19, and that it would not become an excuse to postpone reading God's word." ~ Justin Birangwa, Rwanda

## **Church Centered Graduations**

This meeting was also an opportunity to outline the Directors of Ministry's new graduation ceremony plan. In the past, graduation ceremonies were large events. Those who completed the challenge across an entire region would gather together to celebrate. Participants shared their testimonies and often someone would preach to everyone gathered before distributing certificates and MP3 players.

The board has developed and outlined a new type of graduation celebration that will take place "by the church, in the church, and for the church." The idea is to create a packet with various resources that enable a point person at a local church to facilitate the graduation ceremony. This will include an explanation of what RP is, an introduction to the abide challenge (used at SWBible), and an explanation on how to conduct the ceremony. With these, the local church member will be able to facilitate an RP ceremony in their own church.

We hope that this will not only be a safer graduation (as it will not involve dozens of people from across an entire region) but it will also be an encouragement to the church members as they listen to the testimonies from their leaders.

Please join us in praying that this would be a powerful and effective way of involving the local church in the celebration of their leadership and encouraging all the members to take part in abiding in Scripture.

"Please pray for us here in Zambia, I want this program to influence the whole 10 provinces of Zambia with the unadulterated Word of God!" ~ Zinga Banda, Zambia

"Praise the Lord, very soon we will have an RP alumnus in Ghana's parliament. Dr. Edward Mahama has completed the reading and writing of Romans. He told me that he wants to share his testimony with his church after the lockdown." ~ Abel Bonafoe, Ghana

