



*Dear Friends,*

“Grace to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ!” We hope you are doing well and are enjoying the Lord’s blessings in your lives and ministries. We are eager to share with you what God is doing in His ministry in Burundi, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the vital role you play in our ministry here. As our ministry partners, we are also praying that the Lord will bless and care for you and your families.

**As we pursue our primary ministry goals of evangelism, discipleship, and theological education, God has continued to glorify Himself greatly here in Burundi.** So far this year, we have more than thirty students who are studying in our two current Burundi Grace Bible Institute (BGBI) locations. In April, we praise God that we successfully completed the first BGBI module at our new location in the town of Nyanza Lac, several hours south of the capital of Bujumbura, with fifteen students attending from various area churches. In May, God enabled us to teach the third BGBI module to nineteen students here in Bujumbura. And in July, we taught the second BGBI module in Nyanza Lac with sixteen students participating. Most of those attending this session are already pastors of churches, while others lead various ministries in their churches.

We recently had the opportunity to visit some of our students in the churches they lead, and we were pleased to learn that they started Bible study groups in their churches using the Bible Correspondence Fellowship (BCF) lessons we translated into Kirundi and shared with them. Praise God that His Word is being taught and the students are progressing very well. Teaching sound doctrine from a mid-Acts dispensational viewpoint in these churches is a big change for them, especially when they learn that salvation is only found in Jesus Christ, and is by grace alone, through faith, apart from any human effort. **Please join us in praying that the teaching of God’s Word will continue to bring transformation in the lives of all who hear it.**

Our next goal is to establish two more BGBI locations to reach church leaders in rural areas of Burundi. Many students in these areas are unable to reach Bujumbura or Nyanza Lac due to the difficulty of transportation in Burundi, especially with the lack of fuel we have been experiencing here. **We are praying that God will use us to reach at least one hundred additional pastors and church leaders by the end of this year.**

The need for teaching sound Biblical doctrine and theology from a mid-Acts dispensational perspective is very great in Burundi, and church leaders are very eager to learn. In addition to the BGBI classes, we are leading six Bible study groups in five different churches here in Bujumbura using BCF lessons, and they are all progressing very well. We are teaching nearly every evening of the week, and since the classes are open to all believers in those churches, the demand for lessons has exceeded our ability to print materials.



**Burundi Single Mother’s Skill Training**



**TOP: BGBI Students**  
**BOTTOM: BGBI Class in Session**



**Please join us in praying that the Lord would provide for the need for more lessons to be printed.** The studies have been a great blessing to these churches, and the believers are excited to have a true Biblical understanding of salvation through the teachings of the Apostle Paul. Students who complete the BCF lessons also serve as a source for new students to study at BGBI.

As a result of your generous contributions to our "Skills Training for Single Mothers in Burundi" project that was featured in last year's *Giving Opportunities* catalog, Omelina was able to start this program with four women enrolled in the first class. To have an easily accessible location, she rented two rooms near the Grace Bible Church we attend. These rooms will provide space for training and storage, while also serving as classrooms for the church on Sundays. The women are currently sewing uniforms for children in our orphan support program who will start school in September. A total of ninety children are currently enrolled in this program, and in addition to uniforms, we also help provide them with school supplies and food, as well as medical care.

As a result of this orphan support ministry, these children feel loved by the church, and many regularly attend church services. **Will you join us in praying that the Lord will provide more funds for these ministries so that we can reach more women and children next year?** If you would like to contribute to these ministries, you can contribute online by selecting the Projects tab at [gracem.org](http://gracem.org) and searching for the projects you would like to contribute to, or you can send a gift by mail using the enclosed envelope and return slip.

We have been experiencing some health issues over the past several months, but we are each doing a little better. Omelina is suffering from pain in her ribs, legs, and back, while Method is still having back pain and some stomach issues. **Please pray that the Lord would provide healing and that these health issues would not hinder His work here in Burundi.**

In a previous letter, we asked for prayer for our son Emmanuel and our granddaughter, Celina, and we are pleased to share that they are both doing well. We are also very blessed to have three grandchildren, including a new baby boy born to our daughter, Hekima, in August! Due to this blessed event, Omelina traveled to Tanzania to help Hekima with the birth and care of the new baby. **We praise God that they are all doing well, and ask that you pray for Omelina as she travels back to Burundi.**

At this point, we have only known you, our faithful partners in ministry, from a distance, and we now desire to travel to the US to meet you in person next year. However, getting a visa to enter the US has been challenging, and our application for a visa was denied when we applied last year. **We will soon be applying again for US visas, and we ask that you join us in praying that the Lord will open the door for us to travel to the US to meet you face to face and that our visa application will be approved this time around.** We thank the Lord for all of you who faithfully support us, even though we have never met in person, and for the unity we have in Christ Jesus.

We thank God for how He is blessing the ministry here in Burundi, despite the economic challenges and the insecurity due to the war in the nearby Democratic Republic of Congo. Getting fuel remains a constant obstacle for our ministry as Burundi has been experiencing a severe fuel shortage for many years. Because we are from Tanzania and our car is registered there we are not allowed to purchase fuel in Burundi and need to make a ten-hour round trip to Tanzania and back each time we need fuel, which adds a lot of cost to our ministry. **Please continue to pray for us, asking the Lord to protect us, supply our needs, and empower us for His ministry.**

Yours in serving our Lord Jesus,

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**Orphan Ministry**

