



Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We thank the Lord for each of you and hope you are all doing well. Over the past six months, God has blessed us greatly in the ministry here in Burundi, and we welcome this opportunity to share what the Lord is doing here with you. We also want to take a moment to thank you for your wonderful generosity as you continue to partner with us in the Lord's work in Burundi. Your prayers and financial gifts have sustained us through another year and enabled us to continue pursuing our ministry goals of training and equipping pastors and church leaders, and bringing sound doctrine and theology to churches throughout the country.

Burundi Grace Bible Institute

The primary way we are training and equipping pastors and church leaders in Burundi is through Burundi Grace Bible Institute (BGBI). To avoid the expense and logistical issues associated with bringing students to a central location for classes, BGBI was designed to operate in a modular format, with our instructors traveling to the students in various locations throughout Burundi. We praise the Lord that we are now teaching BGBI courses in four locations in Burundi, including the capital Bujumbura, Nyanza Lac in southern Burundi, Ngozi in northern Burundi, and Muzinda northeast of Bujumbura. We have taught several modules at each location, and more than eighty pastors and church leaders from various churches have completed multiple courses.

The courses are taught by Method and fellow Grace Ministries International (GMI) teammate Tom Sanchez (currently in the US) and visiting instructors from GMI-affiliated Bible Schools in Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of Congo. We rejoice that all BGBI locations have completed the third module of courses, with each module consisting of two courses taught over a weeklong session. Students who successfully complete the final two modules of level one will receive certificates acknowledging their accomplishments and will qualify for the next level of classes. Please join us in praying that this training will greatly impact both the students' lives and their local churches.

Bible Correspondence Fellowship Lessons

In addition to training pastors and church leaders, we offer Bible studies from a mid-Acts dispensational perspective in many churches throughout the Bujumbura area. One of the best resources we have found for teaching basic doctrinal truth is through the Bible Correspondence Fellowship lessons from the US that we have translated into Kirundi. These lessons have been completed by hundreds of believers across dozens of local churches and help provide a doctrinal foundation for believers who lack a basic understanding of the Bible and sound doctrine and theology. Completing these lessons also serves as a prerequisite for students who wish to study with BGBI.



Teaching a Burundi Grace Bible Institute module in Ngozi



TOP: A small denomination in Burundi meeting to consider adopting GMI's doctrinal statement
BOTTOM: Teaching Bible Correspondence Fellowship lessons in a local church



When we arrived in Burundi five years ago, it quickly became evident that there were many small “denominations” here that lacked a basic understanding of foundational doctrines, and the Lord has opened the door for us to provide theological education and doctrinal training to several of these groups of churches. We have been working with one of these “denominations”, Moriah Temple Church, for several years, providing Bible study materials, seminars, and theological training through BCF lessons and BGBI courses. This denomination recently convened a general assembly of delegates from its various churches and voted to adopt the GMI doctrinal statement as its own. This is a big step for this church which will also be registering its new doctrinal statement with the government. There are also several other small denominations that are considering whether to adopt the GMI mid-Acts doctrinal understanding as their official doctrine. Please pray that these groups will make these decisions with a genuine understanding of the doctrine they are considering and will faithfully teach the sound doctrine they receive from the GMI team in Burundi.

Orphan and Street Children Ministry

We continue to be involved in this evangelistic ministry, reaching orphans and street children with the gospel of Jesus Christ, and providing practical support to them and their caregivers. One of the primary ways we support them is through the distribution of school supplies. Education is essential for breaking the cycle of poverty in the lives of these children, and we praise the Lord that so far we have been able to help over one-hundred children through our ministry. We have also been able to share the Word of God with more than thirty families who have committed to care for these children as foster parents and guardians. We are grateful to everyone who has already contributed to this outreach through the 2025 Giving Opportunities Catalog. If you would like to contribute, you can give online at gracem.org by going to the Projects tab and searching for *Orphan and Street Children Outreach in Burundi*.

Sewing Classes

The sewing classes Omelina teaches to single mothers are going well, with ten students currently enrolled. These single moms have learned the basics of sewing and are now able to sew a few different types of simple garments. While their skills in sewing have developed, so has their understanding of God’s Word, as Omelina also engages them in Bible study each week. We are seeing great changes in their daily lives as they experience the love of Christ first-hand and learn skills that will help them break the cycle of poverty and provide for their families.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for BGBI as we continue to train pastors and church leaders. Pray that the Lord would provide the resources and personnel to add two more locations for our Bible Schools, for a total of six teaching centers.
- Another critical need as BGBI continues to grow is the important work of translating curriculum into Kirundi, which is the primary language in Burundi. Please pray for Method and Tom Sanchez, along with the team of Burundians who work with them in translating the courses into Kirundi.
- Please pray that the students studying at our four BGBI locations will do well in their studies and that they will successfully complete all five of the Level One modules by the end of this year.
- Please pray for our health as Omelina is experiencing rib and leg pain that is impacting her ability to do ministry, and Method is suffering from severe stomach and back problems.

We were hoping to visit the US this year and see you in person, but unfortunately, we were unable to secure US visas. We are hoping the Lord will provide a way for us to visit you sometime soon, but in the meantime, we will share our appreciation and gratitude in written form. Your support and partnership with us are a great blessing to us and sustain us in the ministry here in Burundi.

May God continue to bless you abundantly,

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TOP: Street kids ministry in Bujumbura

BOTTOM: Women's Sewing Ministry in Bujumbura

