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Greetings to you all in Jesus Christ.

It is now almost eleven months since we started serving in Bujumbura, Burundi. Ministry is not easy, but we see God working with us. We want to thank all of our partners who support the ministry of God through us. You are a part of the team who encourages us. May God bless you in every part of your life. In all things we are able to say as the apostle Paul said, "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us" Ephesians 3:20.

What we are doing?

Since we arrived in Bujumbura, we began studying Kirundi which is the national language. We are starting to communicate a little bit. Now we can greet people in Kirundi and we are able to visit the local market and buy things by speaking Kirundi. Because Kiswahili is also used by many people we were able to start Bible Correspondence

Fellowship lessons in Swahili. That ministry is still going well and the number of students has increased to 19. The Bible study program has started again after stopping for six months because of Covid-19, we started it again beginning in June this year. This pandemic is becoming worse, but now we have moved the Bible study from our home to our new office in town. Omelina is continuing with women's ministry by teaching handicrafts. We purchased two sewing machines and we still need three more. We are involved in the radio program where we are joining with Tom's team to record programs on health by using Destiny FM Radio in Bujumbura. Also, I am discipling a friend of mine, Lenus Marimbona. Please pray for these ministries that they may transform the lives of Burundians.

The existence of Covid-19 greatly affects the ministry. My wife became sick and we stopped joining with my disciple and Bible study class for six months. Would you continue praying for God's protection? Because of that we lost some members in our Bible study when we stopped meeting. Also, we have language challenges. It is difficult to facilitate ministry because we are not fluent in Kirundi but we still continue learning and attending class. We need to translate all BCF lessons into Kirundi as well as other theological books which will help Burundians. Now we are planning to continue translating books and lessons in Kirundi which requires funding and a translator. Please pray for God's provision and the right person who can help us as we really need to increase our language ability to enable and enhance the ministry in Burundi.



Women's conference Omelina attended in Mwanza

Our family in Tanzania is doing well. Our three daughters- Elizabeth, Grace, and Martha - all delivered healthy babies. We thank God for blessing us with our family. Our son,

Emmanuel, and our granddaughter, Celina, are both doing well in school in Tanzania. Elizabeth with her two children and Emmanuel came to visit us in July and they stayed with us for one month. Now Grace and her husband, Isack, with their child, Isdory, are visiting us again since August. We are very happy and are feeling so blessed with our family these past three months.

What are the future plans?

Over the next six months we are planning to start Sunday services with the students from our Bible study and the Bible Correspondence Fellowship class. Please pray for this that we may have wisdom and direction from God. We also would like to build a team of five people and start a leadership class to prepare church leaders.

In order to enable the women's ministry, we are planning to buy another three sewing machines. In order to reach more families and help society in Burundi, we have planned to start an orphan and street children program. As you know, our ministry is inspired to be holistic serving all the dimensions of human fundamental needs: feeding the spirit and the body for the people of God to be physically fit and effective in ministry.

We are also involved in the pastor training program in Mwanza, Tanzania, and want to see the theology program continue to educate pastors to increase the level and ability of serving God well. In April of this year we visited Mwanza to prepare for the opening of the pastor training program. There are ten pastors who will be able to join this



Bible study class in Bujumbura

school next year, as we were not able to run the program because of finances. My wife and I will be visiting Tanzania two times per year to help this ministry. To learn more about this ministry or to help with finances for the program go to:

<https://gracem.org/project/mwanza-outreach/>

Lastly, we thank God for His many blessings in our ministry, and even if we have challenges like sickness and language problems, we are very happy to continue serving God in Burundi. Thank you for impacting our lives and ministry with your gifts. We believe that there will be people we are reaching here that will stand before the throne someday because of your giving and your prayers.

Yours in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Method and Omelina Mwendapole



Bible School in Mwanza