



Rabagirana Ministries Strategic Orientation

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RABAGIRANA MINISTRIES

VISION

Our passion is to see Rwanda become a source of lasting peace,
unity and a light to the nations, to the glory of God.
Isaie 60 : 3

MISSION

Our mission is to equip Christian workers to become catalysts of healing/reconciliation and community transformation.

- Key target group: Emerging grassroots Christian leaders
- Staffing: 9 permanent, 5 support staff, 100 volunteers
- Annual budget: 250,000-300,000USD
- HWEC started in 1994 (AEE, MMI), RM was launched in
- Legal status: Rwanda board of governance
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Curriculum

- **Healing and Reconciliation**

- Healing Heart Transforming Nations workshop, schools
- Education for peace for children (Manyamahoro)
- Healing and Reconciliation through art: Lighthouse station, Kumbaya Shine band, Africa Rise.
- Unity group, prison ministry and Perpetrators reintegration

- **Community Development**

- Biblical based community development
- Helping without hurting in Africa
- Micro-enterprise and economic empowerment
- Community outreach for holistic transformation

- **Leadership and church ministry**

- Leadership training (Biblical servant leadership)
- Timothy leadership training
- Equip young leaders: Potter's hand manual
- Member Care Debriefing and spiritual retreats for Christian worker

Current project 1: Umusozi w'Ubumwe/Unity Mountain (Village)

- What is it:**

A microcosm of Rwanda close to our office, that was highly divided, now on a journey of reconciliation.

- What is the question:**

People used to come to Rwanda asking where can we find ‘the reconciled.’ They were scattered and hard to find. This time we chose a whole community as a model of reconciliation, a learning destination.

- Process:**

HHTN (unity groups), Socio-economic empowerment (cooperatives), and community outreach.

- Future orientation**

(3 years to come): RM wants to make it an infrastructure of unity and reconciliation (sites for reconciliation tours). We estimate 150,000 USD total to build offices, put up a good community play ground, run trainings and support economic initiatives and social enterprises (cultural, sports,...)

2. Kicukiro Community Reintegration

It is the natural follow up to our prison ministry (Around 12,000 prisoners, around 6,000-7,000 have been released, soon another 3-4,000 will be injected in the community).

Those who were graced through ‘Gacaca’ are back into the community. Most have not received a psycho-social support and suffer PTSD. This time, even those who did not confess are released after serving their sentence. It is about helping perpetrators and survivors (neighbors) to heal, reconcile and work together to flourishing.

What is the question: How can released perpetrator can and survivors ever live and function in the same community?

What is happening: In each sector (10), we have Community Champions running ‘encounters’ meetings perpetrators-survivors. Some have formed cooperatives and their children formed youth clubs.

Future orientation: In another 3 years, we want to go back to facilitate encounters for those who were released (Sometimes with their own families). We estimate 90,000 USD total.



3. Rwanda National outreach

The vision of Rwanda becoming model was given to the nation (not a community).

We work through partnerships with 10 churches, 1 large denomination, 2 Christian fellowships covering 30 universities, and 1 local groups (Wirira, Ongera, CARSA, Abagore, CEP, GBU, DI, Shalom, CEP, ADEPR and Kigali Central Prison). We provide continuous training, capacity building, and pastoral care.

Future orientation: Some pockets (North and North-West, SouthWest) have not been reached (direct involvement). We will keep training and provide financial support to some of the local groups (estimate 90,000USD total).

4. International ministry

- Early in 1997, God gave us the vision of modeling forgiveness and reconciliation to nations in conflicts.
- After training in other countries ARBI, OEIL (DRC), WAPE and Lutheran Healing Ministries (Kenya), Barnabas-Fikkat (Ethiopia), New Hope South Sudan (Presbyterian, Episcopal and MAF) (South Sudan), RMU, individuals (Uganda), Adulam (Burundi), AGIR (Cote d'Ivoire), History Makers-Elel (South Africa), embraced HHTN or formed.
- International School of Reconciliation (3 course with practicum) led to formation of teams in Ukraine, Hungary, Sri-Lanka, India, North America and elsewhere.
- EASOR (East Africa), EIRA Francophone, NASOR (North America) arose to supplement ISOR.
- HHTN global is forming to provide networking and synergy.
- Future orientation: Run ISOR (Bi-annual), do capacity building, pastoral care and strategy (Estimate of 45,000 USD) total.

Accomplishments

More than 10, 000 trained facilitators running hhtn all over the world and more than 50 millions exposed to the substance with cathartic I effects (conferences, media, online platforms).

- Hundred thousands could not only find healing of their trauma, today many are in high sphere of government.
- The story of the Rwanda shifted from the genocide country to the ‘reconciliation country.’ (We do not take all the credit).
- HHTN mainly brought God’s grace into the difficult ‘gacaca’ process.
- The church in Rwanda has ‘grown’ in contextual theology.
- Rwanda has become a fertile ground for learning about peace, healing, resilience and reconciliation for academics, church people and peace practitioners.



What can We offer ?

- Training and expertise in the area of healing and reconciliation;
- Facilitate experiential reconciliation tours;
- Connect to groups and initiatives with best practices and an excellent record in Rwanda and other countries;
- Debriefing retreats for staff in Rwanda and ex-situ;
- The training facility conducive to retreats;

Immediate Challenges

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The extremely low number of staff is on red.

The need for a vehicle for logistical purposes.

The lack of peace in the regions call for immediate action.

Research, data collection and documentation is lacking, which can endanger future learning.

Partnerships

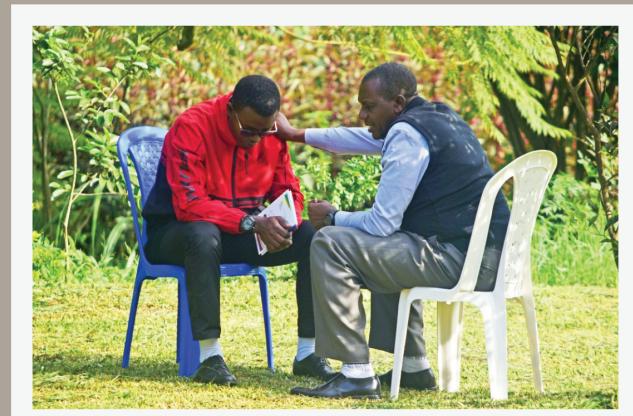
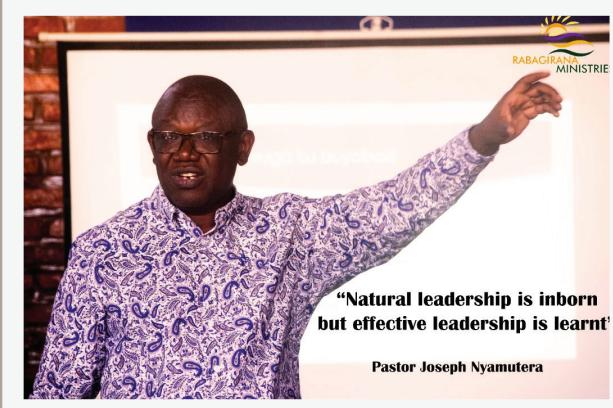
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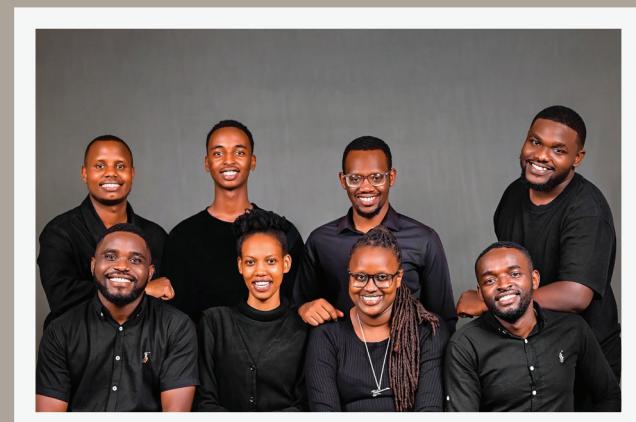
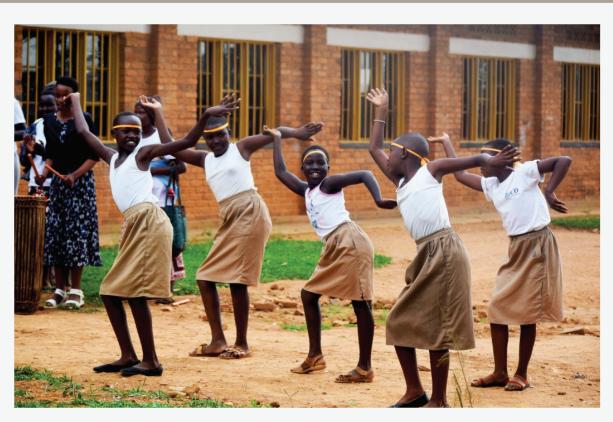
Associate ministries: Ubumwe coffee, Ubumwe Arts shop, Arise TVET, INA Leaders, Kumbaya Shine, Emaus Member Care, Wellborn Innitiative, Rabagirana Training Center.

- Financial partners
- Mercy Ministries, Individuals, Fees from income
- Sustainability
- After releasing the Ubumwe Mountain (UM) as an infrastructure of peace, Rabagirana Training Center will be running as a training center (RTC).

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