

## **Statement of Faith, Sereine Nterinanziza**

I was born in 19980, in a Christian family. They obeyed God and trained us to obey God. I grew up in Sunday school within a Pentecostal church. I was baptized at 14 years after receiving Jesus Christ as my Savior. "When I was a child I reasoned like a child" (1 Corinthians 13:11), yet it was only as I grew older and I began to build a personal relationship with faith on an intellectual level that my religious identity began to form in earnest. It was thus that I began to understand the formative power of faith and reason in practice, being consciously aware of its development within myself and in my environment.

Even though I felt something growing inside myself to serve God, it was not possible to develop it in my local church and in my life of a mother. I was married in 2005. Now I have five children. Throughout, years it was not easy for me to express what was inside my life and the desire to serve God. In 2016, I felt I have built a foundation of life and now I could be devoted to the service of God.

This growing awareness has prompted a perennial desire to read widely in both philosophy and theology, which has enabled me to gainfully explore scholarly opinion from different perspectives. It is with those dreams that I began theological studies in Faculte de Theology Angelique de Kigali (FATEK) one year, and then joined University of World Mission Frontiers (UWMF) in Master's Program. I have hope and I am certain that, the studies will equip me with the skills and understanding of God's Mission in me and help me accomplish it in future.

Studying Masters of Divinity, will enable me to get a wide understanding of different theological views. Help me be an important servant of God in my Ministry and in my local church. Studying at University of World Mission Frontiers (UWMF) afforded me the opportunity to view the value of my extra-curricular pursuits in terms of the community, rather than merely on a personal level and this was further reinforced though time living in Rwandan society. This has only strengthened my belief that dedication to the study of divinity, continually developing frontiers of faith and reason is essential in nourishing the human spirit of enquiry and discovery.