



EMPOWERING LEADERS THROUGH MINISTERIAL, EVANGELISM, AND DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING



## Africa Missions Bible College—Rwanda In Danger of Closing!

**The Rwanda government has closed 6,000-7,000 houses of worship!  
Our Africa Missions Bible College—Rwanda almost suffered the same fate.**

The Government came with very stringent criteria for existing local churches and the opening of new churches. Fortunately, the officials who inspected the campus gave us time to upgrade the facilities. We had to erect new walls, repaint all the buildings, upgrade the kitchen with gas stove and erect more toilet facilities. The work is progressing well. **We still need \$2,000 to complete the work. We have depleted our funds and will welcome any assistance.** The two government officials who came to inspect the facilities promptly enrolled as students!



At our Rwanda Bible College graduation last December, where over 200 students have graduated with a 3-year ministerial degree, since its opening in 2006.

Twelve years ago the Lord opened the door in Rwanda to plant churches and to start our Bible College training and soul-winning programmes. The Lord prospered the work. During this time over 200 students graduated in the three-year ministerial course, and hundreds of pastors were empowered to grow their local churches! Due to our training programmes many churches were planted. Sixteen of these churches planted had a special relationship with us.

**The criteria the government is using for a worship facility to be open:**

- 1. The local church must own a church site more than half-an-acre in size**
- 2. A church building must have been erected according to Government specification.**
  - This should include toilet facilities for males and females.
  - The building must also be sound proof
  - The leadership must be in possession of an occupation certificate.
  - There should be paved parking
  - There must be a well-laid-out and maintained garden

## The Same Church Building



(Above) Like many churches in Rwanda, this church that was started by one of our graduates faithfully met in a facility with no walls.



(Above) Africa Missions enabled this congregation to upgrade before the government began to close churches.



(Above) The people are so happy to worship inside the walls of their church building!

Between 6,000 and 7,000 churches failed to meet these conditions and were closed by Government officials. Unfortunately, 14 of the 16 churches did not qualify and were closed down. Overnight our pastors lost their congregations and livelihood.

The two remaining churches *survived* because of the assistance we gave them. Both churches are two years old. Africa Missions procured church sites for both of them. We assisted one of these churches marginally in the construction of their building, and the other church was planted by one of our graduates. We received several donations from a good pastor friend of ours, Ledge Saunders and his congregation—Metamorpha Church in South Africa. This enabled the local church to complete their building just before the government began closing down churches. The Lord's timing was perfect. (See the photos on the left)



Ledge Saunders

This new approach by the Rwandese government has caused a temporary setback. I believe that the 14 churches will be reopened. They will have better facilities and will be more effective in the ministry.

If the Lord prompts you to help in any way please be sensitive to His bidding. Rwanda is once again in need of friends.

Together we are making a difference,

Ron & Rina Kinnear  
and the AFRICA MISSIONS TEAM



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