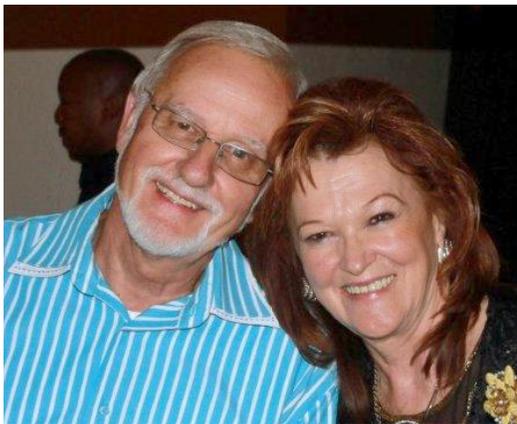


# AFRICA MISSIONS News

From Ron & Rina Kinnear

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## Happy 70th Birthday Dear Ron!



### Celebrations

Rina and Ron's family together with the staff of Africa Missions celebrated Ron's 70th birthday in style. Two celebrations were held. One for Ron's colleagues and friends in the ministry. The other with family and friends.

### A Wonderful Tribute to Ron

One of the speakers later wrote this article for a local Christian newspaper:

"Gentle giant Ron Kinnear turns 70. HE always greets audiences 'in the wonderful name of Jesus.' Besides, his whole mission is Jesus. Pastor Ron Kinnear, who has recently turned 70, is not unlike his Master, a contradiction in terms. Though he is soft spoken, he is a gentle giant. His mission in life is all about empowering others.

"Friends and family recently joined in for rather hilarious birthday celebrations at Barn 52 in Centurion. That's the Kinnear family—always joyous, despite many heartaches and hard times over the years.

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## Africa's #1 Need Bible College Training

**Due to training, the fields we operate in have been transformed! Hundreds of new churches were planted, thousands of souls saved and leadership consolidated.**

Training remains the number one need in Africa. We are right there in the forefront addressing this need. This edition of *Africa Missions News* will focus largely on our training programs in South Africa and Central-East Africa. Training remains the main focus of our ministry.

### Two New Satellite Campuses!

There is an acute shortage of trained pastors in Africa. New churches are being planted at such a rapid pace and it has gone beyond our capacity of producing enough pastors. Addressing this need, two new satellite campuses were opened in May. Herman Hisbeck opened a satellite campus in Uganda and Willie van Zyl opened one in Goma, DRC.



**Herman Hisbeck opened a satellite campus in Uganda**

We praise the Lord for all the sponsors who made this possible. The **Akins Trust** and **AFM Goodwood** each funded a satellite. The material and other costs were funded by **Waterval Assembly, Woord en Lewe** and others.



**Willie van Zyl opened a satellite campus in Goma, DRC**

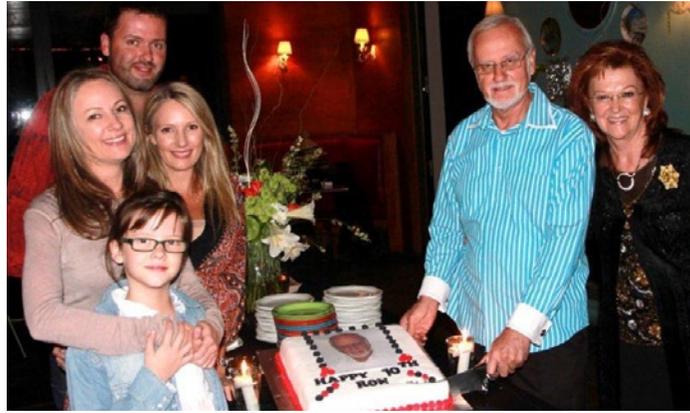
If these satellites prove to be a success we plan to open two more. One in Burundi and the other in the Katanga Province of the DRC.



**Read about the challenges at our campus in Rwanda on page 3.**

## Happy Birthday Ron! –continued

“One cannot mention Ron, without Rina. The ‘RR’ combination is fatal—to the devil and his cohorts, that is. Ron is seemingly lost and wholly incomplete without his soul mate and spouse, Rina. They hunt in a pair those two, to bring in souls for the King. Separating them would be almost unimaginable. Rina, an ordained pastor, is the founder of the ministry *King’s Daughters of Excellence*.



Ron and Rina with his children Peter, Gillian, Rosemarie, and granddaughter Kelsey.

“The couple seems immune to fatigue, disdained by any suggestions to stop and able to traverse across one another’s ministries with the greatest of ease. To see Rina at the helm of an *Africa Missions* outreach is evidently most natural to Ron, though she’s admittedly equally comfortable pressing into the ‘Supernatural’ during worship services and outreaches. Conversely, Ron is likely to be seen in support of Rina’s outreaches.

“They have travelled to far-away places. Not too long ago they had ventured in a kayak into seemingly God forsaken islands in the Amazon, to bring the wonderful news about the Gospel of Jesus and to by the power of the Holy Spirit make new converts. An angel, who had been placed on guard there for 70 years, could be set free.

“Closer to home one would typically encounter them in their head office in Theresa Park, making plans to go to places like Rwanda, where Ron had had a horrific fall

and needed to be airlifted home with an open fracture a year or so ago. Or, you’d find them at Soshanguve Bible College, or developing the new campus at Haakdoornboom.

“On a given day Ron can be found in negotiations with a cabinet minister of Mozambique in the morning, only to reside in the humble home

of one among the poorest of poor that evening, always reflecting the joy of the Lord. He can fix a Peugeot. He can invent a game with pecan nuts and left handed golf clubs. Ask his grandchildren Kelsey (9) and Tyler (7) or his daughters Gillian, Rosemarie, and son, Peter.

“There’s so much more to be said about the man who has been instrumental in hundreds of church plantings all over Africa. Did I say hundreds? Believe it! Yet, he’s so humble it’s almost a competition to be even humbler next time, in case he might have been perceived as boasting. One can hardly get through a doorway with this Man of God who always insists somebody else goes first.

“He’s both the best and worst fundraiser imaginable. He listens to the Holy Spirit and then funds a project, driving everyone crazy in the process, till the Lord comes through on the last day, invariably with the exact amounts needed... to the last cent. His faith is contagious. His humour is infectious. His love for people is Divine. He’s my friend.” —*Johan Lottering*

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## Sadness & Joy for Macmillan and Angela Phiri



The Principal of the Haakdoornboom campus truly had mixed emotions. His mother passed away. With great difficulty they had to get her body back to Zambia for burial.

They whole excercise of transporting the body to Zambia proved to be a logistical challenge. There were big delays at the borders with the worst being crossing into Zambia itself. Passports were stolen on the journey that compounded their difficulties and problems. They finally arrived but were a day late for the funeral!

Then on April 2 a new day dawned for the Phiri family. Angela gave birth to a healthy baby boy. Congratulations. The Lord has turned their sorrow into dancing and their mourning into joy. We congratulate them on the arrival of Lemuel which means: “Answer to Prayer”. The doctors were insisting on a ceaserean operation. Angela trusted God and seconds before the operation was scheduled Lemuel was born! It was a natural birth. **Praise the Lord!**

A graphic with the text 'It's a Boy!' in a stylized, bubbly font. The text is white with a blue outline and is set against a light blue background.



### 28 New Graduates!

Twenty-eight students completed their studies successfully. 14 graduated at the **Kigali Bible College** and 14 graduated at the **Beam Africa Bible College** in Pretoria.

We commend these students as they completed their studies under difficult circumstances. Some of them remained on the campus even during breaks as they did not have the funds to travel back home. Others were pastoring churches while they were busy studying. The families of all the married students suffered hardships willingly to enable the

bread-winners to complete their studies. The church has a bright future with people willing to sacrifice and endure hardships for the sake of the Gospel.

Remmie and Bianca are two such students. Fearing for their lives they fled from the DRC and came to South Africa as refugees with two small children. The third girl was born on the Haakdoornboom campus a year later. English was a challenge. Another serious challenge was for provision for the family. The Lord sent them a sponsor and both of them were able to graduate at the end of last year. Well done, Remmie and Bianca.

### Challenges at Rwanda Bible College



We enroll students from Rwanda and it's neighboring countries (Burundi, DRC, Uganda and Tanzania). Two students who came from Tanzania had T.B. when they arrived. They were referred to the local hospital for treatment, and very unfortunately, one passed away.

The Dept. of Health investigated where the T.B. cases were reported from and visited our campus. All our students are resident on campus. They found that the

campus was "overcrowded" and that there was insufficient ventilation in the dormitories of the male students. The authorities closed the college and gave a directive on what we had to do before the campus could be reopened.



**Pastor Robert Owade** and the faculty took care of most of the alterations that were needed. Some of the students remained behind to help while all the other students were sent home. Local vendors supplied building materials and local builders offered their services on a "pay later" basis. On April 30 the college was reopened after the authorities gave the clearance.



### We Need Your Help

The costs of the renovations must now be met. We covet your prayers and financial support at this time.

**We thank God for you, your prayers, and your generous gifts to spread the Gospel.**

RON AND RINA KINNEAR

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