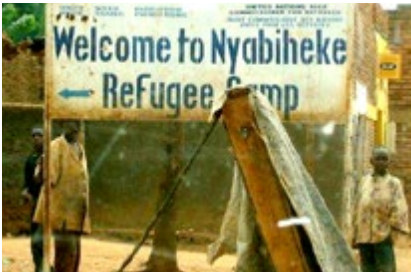




Empowering the local church to grow itself for more than 20 Years!
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Forgotten People Worship, Even with No Roof

We visited a church in a refugee camp. The love of the Lord was oozing out of the believers and we sensed that this community truly knew the Lord. His presence was felt very strongly.



This church inside the refugee camp is in Rwanda. Yes, there are churches inside the U.N. run refugee camp, at least in this one. The people there had to leave their homes and run for their lives because of the terrible trouble in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). But that did not stop them from gathering together to worship the Lord.

What They Could Do For Themselves, They Did—They needed a shelter—a tabernacle—to protect them from the beating sun and the pouring rain. So what they could do for themselves, they did. They leveled the land, then they moulded mud bricks and used them to erect the walls up to roof height. Because of the strong and incessant rains, the walls were going to collapse due to the composition of the bricks. So they then bought iron sheets on credit and put the roof on the building to save the walls. The crude roof trusses were provided by trees that they cut down. They were ready for the roof, but they had no roof. They prayed and looked to God.

Another Church Shared Their Burden—They had no roof until another church heard and shared their burden. Pastor **Ledge Saunders** and his **Mortamorpha Church** in Emalahleni blessed this church in a refugee camp in Rwanda with a sum of money to cover a generous part of the cost of roofing materials! Don't you know that there was much rejoicing as they enclosed their building! When they look up, they will never forget what God did through their brothers and sisters at Mortamorpha!

Ron Kinnear celebrating with the church in the Refugee Camp that now has a roof!





Children look through the open windows of this church in the refugee camp

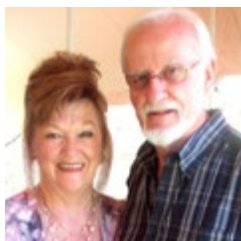
This particular church in the refugee camp is being pastored by one of our Africa Missions-Rwanda Bible College graduates and has a membership of 250 people! Now the walls are up and the roof is on! There are no windows and they still have a dirt floor. However, when this church starts to worship the Lord, His glory comes down and this building is transformed into a holy sanctuary filled with the presence of the Lord! The people in that church suffered deep trauma. No one in the outside world knew about them or their plight of how they became refugees. Their homes in the DRC were looted and destroyed. Many of their family members were killed in their presence. Many of the women were terribly abused. They fled for their lives—to nowhere! They ended up in this refugee camp. They did find protection and the U.N. meagrely provides for their daily sustenance. But most of all, they found the Lord, the God of all peace and mercy.

Another Church in Need

Long Ago Vision Fulfilled!—Twenty years ago, before all of this happened the pastor of another church had a vision that four white missionaries would visit his church one day. After this vision, a lot of negative things happened to him that led to him serving the Lord in this particular refugee camp. After losing his congregation, family, possessions, and his dignity in the DRC, the Lord led him to plant a church for these people who were deeply traumatized such as he was. Through the many hardships he endured, he continued to faithfully preach the Gospel facing each day with its many challenges. No one in the outside world knew about him or the community he served. No one was there to encourage him or pray for them. Then one day, the unexpected happened. Four missionaries showed up! Christiaan and Nadine and Ron and Rina. Between services we were treated to the best lunch this community could afford and the best meal we ever enjoyed. Their sacrificial love expressed in this tangible way brought a lump to our thoughts and it became hard to swallow.

The leadership of this church, then, very enthusiastically shared with us their dream of building their own church. What they could not do for themselves was to buy roof sheets. As they spoke, they looked deeply into our eyes and touched our souls and hearts. How could we say no? I responded positively and would have done so a thousand times over. This was but a small expression that there were people in the outside world who cared and loved them.

Our relationship has grown strong and we are trusting the Lord to enable us to provide a roof for this church. They have applied the evangelism training we gave to all the pastors in the refugee camp. Their church is growing AND they planted another church using EE3 that has grown to a hundred members! Who will share their burden? Could you share a gift of finances to help them? Would you talk to the Lord about this need and how you can help? We appreciate you so much!



May God richly bless you,

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