

Report on our recent mission to Kenya, DR Congo and Rwanda

Team

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Kenya

Although we were only in Kenya from Friday to Monday morning (three short days) on our way to Rwanda, much was accomplished by the team.

Friday the mission consisted of a trip to the Victory Church, slum school and feeding program for children of the Sinai slum in Nairobi after our arrival and hotel check in.

Saturday we did a Children's Crusades, Women Conference and Leadership Training. Sunday: First Anniversary for the new church plant in Machakos, which Bishop Jude and Lucy Kiteta pastor, was celebrated with a 9 hour non stop service, with a banquet lunch for all in attendance



served some place in the middle of the 9 hour service.

An action packed service of singing, dancing, preaching and ministry, baby dedication, ordination, VBCI grad, and more singing and dancing made the time fly bye.

The ministry of Bishop Jude and Lucy Kiteta was amazing! I was so proud of the key leaders they have raised up and released into church planting through the Victory Bible Colleges and personal mentorship.

Bishop Jude is running the Victory Vision of Kenya according to the Exodus 18 principle in line with the way things are done in Canada. They are growing and it's showing with new church plants and out reaches of various sorts.

Greatest need: They are in need of a Head Quarters for Victory Churches of Kenya and a new van for transporting people to the churches.

Dr Congo



We took a 5 hour trip by bus over winding mountainous roads through the tea plantations of Rwanda to reach the D.R Congo. The scenery is breath taking.

Upon our arrival at the boarder of Rwanda and D.R Congo we were met with the ever smiling face of Bishop Amissi and the hundred or so people from the Bukavu Victory Churches singing and dancing and waving banners of welcome to the team. It is great to have family in every nation ready to greet you as family, even if all they have seen of you is in pictures.

We stayed over night in D.R Congo, but did the VBCI graduation, visited 7 of the 16 Victory churches in the city all in one night. People waited in their churches singing until we arrived no matter how late it was.

All they wanted to do was see our faces as we brought greetings all the way from the USA and Canada. What a precious people!

Rwanda

Rwanda was our main focus this trip and in only 9 days we did more then we thought possible in such a short time. The Country is beautiful and very safe today, unlike its history of the 1994 Genocide, where 1 million people were murdered one by one, hacked to death by machetes. Memorials are every where with heaps of human bones and skulls to remind the people of this terrible destruction of the very future of Rwanda through the murder of so many young men, women and children, leaving behind so many widows and orphaned children and aids victims. But praise the Lord, the story does not end there. The motto in Rwanda today is, "Never Again".

We visited many of the VCI purchased buildings and fed 80 orphans in the VCI head quarters with rice and beans. Feeding these destitute children is a daily occurrence. Some of the church people have taken in orphans for shelter, but what we really need is an orphanage building as there are so many orphans with out a home. God help us to help them.

We were so grateful for the work the team in D.R. Congo has done under Bishop Amissi's leadership. War has not stopped them. It has hindered, but not dampened their spirits at all. Some times they see a meal only once every two days or so, but they love our Lord and never stop praising Him regardless of their difficult circumstances. We had the pleasure of a shared meal in the home of Bishop Amissi and his big family of 12, two of which are orphans that he has raised from when they were babies. They could not do enough for us and with the food shared, they served so much love.

The Victory Churches of the D.R.C are taking the Congo for Jesus and are well know in the city of Bukavu and through out the land.

All was safe in the D.R.C. UN troops patrolled the streets. We felt safe as can be. Any one wanting to harm us would have had to kill the whole Victory family to get to us. What a Victory family we have all over the world!!!!



VCI Countries:

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Ghana
Guatemala
India
Israel
Ivory Coast
Jamaica
Kenya
Liberia
Malawi
Malaysia
Mexico
Mozambique
Myanmar
Nepal
New Zealand
Nigeria
Northern Ireland
Pakistan
Philippines
Poland
Republic of Benin
Rwanda
Sierra Leone
South Africa
Tanzania
Thailand
Togo
UK
USA
Vietnam



This is the newly purchased 2 acres of land for the orphanage. Future Projects will be an extension on the existing school Church Building, and Guest House for visiting Missionaries

Food and Medicine

We accomplished feeding programs; medical clinics; Women's Conference; Children's Crusade; Leadership Training; Church Services; purchased land for the orphanage with funds raised at the Women's Conference in Lake Louise this year as well as a Head Quarters for the Victory Churches of Rwanda in Kigali, the capital of Rwanda. Oh yes, I had my birthday there on August 15th and celebrated African style.



The Orphanage plan:

We will house 60 orphans to start with. The land we purchased is about two acres of fertile land in a village 15 km out side Kigali in a town called Giatarama. Under the leadership of Bishop Joseph Kamanza an orphanage will be built to house 60 children to start with and approximately 10 widows who will care for the children. There will also be a school and church built on the land for the children to attend and a guest house for visiting missionaries to stay in so they are close to the children and the work. A fish farm will be established, vegetable gardens and fruit trees of every kind will grow in this fertile land. Our hope is to assist Bishop Joseph Kamanza and his team in Rwanda to make this home as self sufficient as is possible. Yes, it will take time, but we have a plan from God and are moving forward with it.



Bishop Joseph and his men, along with Frieda Isaak and myself, met with the Chief of the village and his secretary. Most deals in the villages are struck up under a tree in the cool. This deal was no different. He was very receptive of our plan for this land and said, " The name of this piece of land is called, "Sherri", which means, love". He said, "That is a wonderful name for land that will house the dear Rwandan child who have suffered so much and have no parents or living relatives". He praised the work we are about to support in Rwanda and gave it his blessings.



We will need to dig a well for fresh water and use solar for electricity. I have a wonderful man in our church here is California that is willing to draw up all the plans for this construction. Bishop Joseph and his team, along with the rest of us hope to have the children in their beds by Christmas 2006 if all goes well.

We need people to come over to Rwanda and help us. Laurie Shofner, from Grand Prairie, Canada, is already there and is committed for one year as a nurse to help set up the orphanage by interviewing the widows and getting files on all 60 children. There are so many children it will be difficult for her to choose only 60 darling children, as that will be all we can handle at this time.

We need construction workers, and trades men of every kind. We need handy people who can do all kinds of things to help. We need grand mothers and grand fathers to come and love the children and teach them life skills, if only for a short visit. We need people who can paint and decorate. You name it, we need it! The next trip is April of 2007. If you are interested please contact us at vcimissions@victoryusa.org. Of course Preachers are welcome. If you speak French that would be a plus!!

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The Victory Head Quarters of Kigali

It is the vision of our mission's team for VCI, Michael Colbert and Pastor Paul Juss to see a Head Quarters in every nation for Victory; one that contains a church, Victory Bible College and offices. We searched for such a building and found the place right on a main road in the heart of the capital of Rwanda, Kigali.

It is a large piece of land with several small shops and a bar (yes, that's right. A drinking establishment), and it has several houses in the back of the property. It is my joy to see the bar torn down and a church erected in its place. The shops in the front will stay and help pay for maintenance of the buildings and property. The houses in the back will become the Victory Bible College and offices for the Victory Churches of Rwanda. There will also be room for dorms for students and a possible dwelling for a pastor and his family.

There was much accomplished in Rwanda during our visit. We did a Women's Conference, Children's Crusade, church services and leadership training.

We also took a lot of stuff to bless the ministry of Bishop Joseph and Christine Kamanza and their ministry in Rwanda. We are only a hand extended to this people and consider them a vital part of our Victory family. Please consider a trip to Rwanda with us next year. Please remember Laurie Stofner and pray for her as she helps with the orphanage set up and oversight of the work. If you wish to support her financially, please do so.

Thank you Victory Family! We could never do such things without your faithful, consistent giving. On behalf of the children, I say, "Thank you women of Victory for your faithful giving at our recent women's conference" You did it again and again!!!!

We will do it again and again should the Lord tarry. James 1: 27 'Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this; to visit orphans and widows in their trouble'.

This is why we put orphans and widows together.



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Upcoming Mission Trips

The Last week in April 2007 two trips will be offered:

- One to Malawi and Rwanda.
- One to Kenya and Rwanda, and the Dr Congo.

Both trips about \$3000.00 US
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