

Rwamagana for Jesus Mission

AEE Rwanda prepared the city mission in Rwamagana, held from July 10th to 16th, 2022. Included were 14 zones, all with different mission sites. After meeting with local church pastors from different denominations, 364 were trained as preservation facilitators from all 14 zones.

We thank God that many who came for training were reminded of their salvation journey, specifically those who carried God's grace. This reminder helped guide them in the process of nurturing new converts. Converts were expected from all zones, including prison ministries, high schools, tea sessions with local and church leaders, and home-based evangelism.

Following the training, facilitators went home with an assignment of thinking deeply about those people who have done their best to nurture them in their early Christian life.

This encouraged them to pay forward the kindness from those who nurtured them and apply it to the new converts. It was a great moment to remember and pray for those who contributed to their salvation journey.

Pastors and facilitators were filled with joy and ready for the city mission, openly confessing that "winning souls is a highlight of their existence in pastoral ministry". The planning time allowed everyone involved to brainstorm and contribute on how to reach the land of Rwamagana with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



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First Fruits of the Rwamagana Mission

Even before the mission started, pastors and facilitators were encouraged by the unity among church leaders of all denominations. They could see that the Holy Spirit had begun to soften the hearts of men and women in the land as they prayed. There was a sense of excitement within the team, a confidence that God was doing something powerful through the 14 zones of Rwanagana.



Prayer and Intercession

In partnership with the church, our teams organised open-air campaigns in five sites, reaching 7,472 people; of those people, 169 souls came to know Christ as their Lord and Saviour. It was notable because the Gospel was shared with new believers and those who had taken a step away from God during the pandemic.

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It was a great moment for the missionaries to reconnect post-pandemic. This brought an opening to the community and the church - moments of winning souls.



As the army of the Lord marched across the harvest field in Rwamagana, there was a declaration of the destruction of all powers of darkness that tried to resist the Gospel

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University Christian Union leaders were trained as preservation facilitators. 30 committee leaders were trained and prepared for one-on-one evangelism on the campuses. This training also helped prepare them for the follow-up of new believers.



AEE Local Leaders

"He came to seek and save the Lost" Day 2 of AEE Rwanda saw the teams celebrating the union of Word and Deed. That has been the reason for our existence in this ministry experience. The missionaries reached people who live in Rwamagana city and its vicinity with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It was amazing to see the community transformation groups of African Evangelistic Enterprise Rwanda, who reside in Rwamagana become the platform for reaching the community. AEE missionaries went to three main sites: Murundi, Musha and Munyigina.

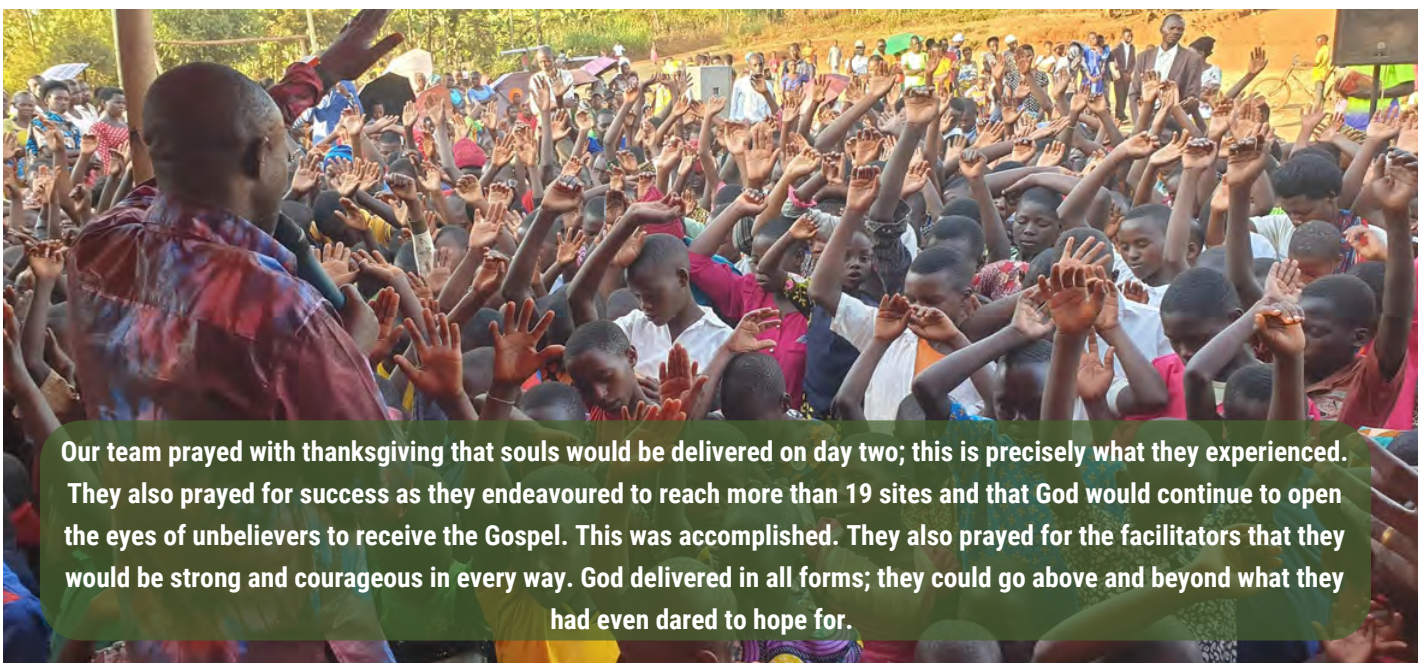


The Power of the Gospel

Many people who are strangers to church or a church setting gathered together to hear the Gospel. Because of this, many are no longer strangers to the church, but with great repentance, they have committed their lives to Christ.



Nothing is too small for God



Reach the lost

On day 3 of the AEE Rwanda in-city mission, AEE missionaries engaged in 28 outreaches in different city sites. Collectively, the mission(s) reached more than 11,395 people. Of those reached by the Gospel, 856 responded by repenting their sins and accepting Jesus into their lives.



The masses heard the truth, and the church(s) celebrated as they reflected on the impact AEE Rwanda made in the nation on day three, in the past and in days to come.



The missionaries kept records of every person who had accepted Christ so that they could make sure they were part of the follow-up and cared for in a way that helped them to understand that they were not alone and would be helped to grow in their faith.



"I went through life's challenges in my family to the extent of stopping my studies. This made me feel hopeless in life. Because of this kind of life, I decided to engage in drug abuse, leading to addiction. I married during this time in my life, but my marriage was unsuccessful because of my bad behaviour. I ended up in divorce, and I remained hopeless and vulnerable. When the preacher shared his testimony about his journey of salvation, my heart was convicted, and I knew I needed to repent and be saved and turn to my creator. After hearing the Gospel, I plan to join the local church so I may continue growing in Christ. I want to bring back my lovely wife because she was innocent; I believe she will respond positively to my repentant request."
Niyomungeri Emmanuel 31 years and a father of 2 kids.



The importance of Evangelism

There is a discipleship crisis in the church. The number of nominal Christians is high, and superficial faith has taken a seat in the church. Many choir members serving in praise and worship in different mission outreaches come to faith after hearing the Gospel. It is astonishing to see many professing Christians doing ministry while simultaneously testifying that they are not true believers.



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Testimony

I am 38 years old, have six kids, and live in Sibagire cell. I engaged in sins, and I was hopeless for many years and in this condition, I couldn't have peace in my heart. Today, after hearing that the Word of God says, "Come, you who are burdened, and have rest," I have seen that there is no profit gained in what I have been living in. I decided to surrender my life to Christ.
- Aline MUKASINE

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

Glory be to God the most high!

Proclamation of the Word

On day 5, out of 23 engagements in the city mission, **12,682 people heard the saving message of Jesus Christ, and 1,425 souls came to faith.** People from all sites were hungry for the Gospel, and it was amazing how they were focused as the Word of God was shared.



After preaching, the pastor invited those who wanted to give their life to Jesus. Among those who responded were children. What shocked him was that some pastors and deacons tried to stop the children from coming forward. Seeing this, he had to raise his voice and tell them to let the children come to receive Jesus. It was difficult as some pastors insisted that it was not for children. The pastor was also shocked that while recording those who gave their life to Jesus, they had not recorded the children's names. "We still have not got Jesus' heart for children, and we need to know that they can believe and follow Jesus and be his disciples."

Men, Women & Children

- In the Gishali zone, the Gospel prevailed the hearts of men and women.
- Students heard the good news of Jesus.
- Children came to seek Jesus at Munyaga's open-air campaign, and many came to faith.



"As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.'" Romans 14:11



Deciding to follow Jesus

On day six of the Rwamagana for Jesus mission, **the cumulative number of people reached by the Gospel was 60,251, with 4,815 people having repented of their sins and who had decided to follow Jesus** as their Saviour and Lord. The team were honoured to find each one of us in the service of our Lord. Together, let's celebrate this harvest in the heavenly kingdom!



Winning Souls

An AEE missionary made a remarkable statement after seeing the people repenting of their sins and recognising the church's zeal in Rwamagana by saying, "The business of the church is winning souls through evangelism. The church that does not engage in evangelism is not a Biblical church; it isn't more than just a cooperative."

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Unity and Transformation

"The unity of the church, in fulfilling the great commission, transforms and awakens love among believers more than anything." This was testified by Pastor REKERAHO Jean Batista; he is doing pastoral ministry in Africa Inland mission Rwanda(AIM)

Testimonies

"I am IYAKAREMYE Martin, a pastor in the Anglican Church of Rwanda, Kibungo Diocese. We were blessed to have the evangelistic mission in Rwamagana city in partnership with African Evangelistic Enterprise Rwanda (AEE). From 10- 17 July, we enjoyed the evangelistic movement in the city by conducting open-air missions in all 14 sectors of Rwamagana district. I was privileged to coordinate the mission in one zone. We thank God for the partnership of AEE and the churches of Christ in Rwamagana. The community embraced the evangelistic mission. In the open-air outreaches, we registered 432 souls of people who got saved. Before the mission, we trained 34 preservation facilitators, and all these facilitators are mature believers in Christ who have a passion for evangelism and nurturing new believers in Christ. After the mission, we conducted a strategic meeting to follow up with converts. In agreement with the trained preservation facilitators, we followed up, starting with the neighbouring new converts. Every facilitator has the task of visiting these new babies in Christ and showing love and kindness to them. It is easy for us because we have all the names of the new converts. Finally, with great appreciation, we thank AEE Rwanda for financially supporting us and awakening us to evangelise our community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We want to see the continuity of this missional partnership that will help us fulfil the task we exist for. Amen!"

The Rwamagana for Jesus Mission saw 62,901 people reached across the entire mission. The number of people who got saved was 4,943.

We are still rejoicing and joining heaven to celebrate the repentance of many sinners who believed in the Gospel.

On the closing day, we were privileged to have our brothers and sisters who came from Belgium, and they served in the partnering churches in Sunday services and at the last open-air campaign.

The Belgium team blessed the congregation with the Good News



Belgium team, with our dearest Lynn, engaged in the church outreach children ministry



University students encountered the gospel and 50 came to Christ

The end to a wonderful time in the Lord

As we closed the Rwamagana Mission, we thank God for the 4,943 people who came to Christ in the city mission. We thank God for His protection and journey mercies granted to us during the mission days. We are grateful for the opportunity to enjoy His presence tangibly. And we thank God for the church leaders and their passion for preserving new people who have decided to accept and follow Jesus and make him their Lord and Saviour.

As we move forward, we thank God for church leaders who are ready to go with us in the next city mission, Kicukiro for Jesus Mission.



Thank you
Rwamagana will never be the same again

People Saved
4,943

People Reached
62,901

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