

# View from the Frontlines

August 2020



*Boniface Okalo- Country Coordinator*

## Nothing Can Stop Burundi

Burundi is one of our most active and growing ministries within ITEM. The first seminar for pastors by ITEM was in 2009. Shortly thereafter, Boniface Okalo was chosen as the Country Coordinator. He takes his role seriously. Boniface is committed to the E-4 strategy (the ITEM goals for churches taken from Ephesians 4) and is passionate about helping other pastors do the same. He leads a team of seven men who all have experience in leading seminars and now have branched out to begin mentoring pastors in different areas of Burundi. We praise God for the depth, quality and maturity of the ITEM team of African pastors and their eagerness to do ministry. Pastor Daniel Packer, ITEM Associate, works with Boniface and his team of pastors in Burundi.

In a time where meeting as a group has been suspended for most countries, Burundi has been able to continue teaching and mentoring. They have had seminars in multiple locations that are now ready for mentoring. One group has already completed their fourth mentoring session. The ITEM team travels to different regions in Burundi to mentor pastors. The mentees are hungry for the guidance and the truth of the Word that is being taught. The growing mentoring curriculum will consist of close to 30 lessons when it is done being written and is expected to take two years to complete. ITEM provides material for the students and expense money for the trainers. The rest is up to them.

Pray for the core team of pastors, who have completed the seminar training, to grow in Christ through their own study of Scripture and expository teaching in their congregations. Pray that they will stay committed to being mentored. and then continue to train and mentor other pastors.

*The pastors attending their fourth mentoring meeting*



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# Country Updates...

## LIBERIA

Since the passing of Country Coordinator, Michael Allen, Prince S Guankeh has been given the role. He has done so with great enthusiasm and passion. Liberia has been under strict rules regarding gatherings but they were able to hold a mentoring session in Careysbry City on July 25th. Prayer Request: Counties Margabi and Ganta Nimba are requesting ITEM training. Pray that God will make it possible.



Praise God for the relief funds sent to Liberia from ITEM donors during lockdown.

## UGANDA

Uganda is just starting to remove restrictions regarding gatherings but doing it very slowly. They hope to be meeting soon.

Prayer Requests: For freedom of movement for worship gatherings; For God's protection amidst COVID 19; For ability to meet the overwhelming need of training of church leaders; For provisions for the families as many sources of income have disappeared.



## CAMEROON

Cameroon has restrictions on large gatherings and cannot gather for worship. They were able to get a small gathering to participate in a webinar put on by Dr. Nathan Chiroma that featured Steve Van Horn and ITEM Associate Caleb Hilbert. Prayer Requests: For restrictions to be removed and for protection.

## RWANDA

Rwanda was able to have a mentoring session within the lockdown restrictions. Mentoring is just getting established in Rwanda.

Prayer Requests: Healing for Dominique our country coordinator as he and his wife have been sick. And that restrictions will be released soon.

## DRC

DRC is in complete lockdown until mid-August. There are no gatherings allowed.

Prayer Requests: Pray for the team as the plan to re-establish ministering as soon as possible.

Praise: Joel and his wife contracted Covid 19 and recovered well.

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