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Theology Classes in Kilimanjaro Region, Tanzania.



Our new TBI teaching site in Gitega, Burundi.



TCWM/TBI Country Director Nehemiah (left) and Assistant Director Joachim (right) in Kigali, Rwanda.

Greetings Friends!

I am fresh off the plane, having returned from a successful trip to Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi in the last few weeks. Although it was a bit of a whirlwind, it was an absolute joy to be a part of the new theology classes we started last year in Kilimanjaro Region, Tanzania; to address and encourage our class of ~100 accredited students at the flagship campus in Kapchorwa, Uganda; to work through many meetings and the theology classes (including a tour of the new physical campus) in Kigali, Rwanda; and finally to open a new teaching site for pastors in Gitega, Burundi! God is so good. Thank you for your prayers and your contributions which have made all of this successful, I can confidently say, by the grace of God alone, and unto the glory of God alone, that I believe by this point TCWM is actually making an impact on the next generation of spiritual leaders in the countries where we are working in Africa. We still have a few hundred of our students who are in need of sponsorships for this year—54 have been sponsored so far—would you consider a monthly sponsorship for an African pastor at \$100/month or a half sponsorship at \$50/month? You can sign up at www.trinitycwm.com/student-sponsorships We also are attempting to ship a theological library to the seminary campus in Rwanda right now, which will cost just over \$5000, would you consider a one-time gift now to help with this? Thank you so much dear friends, and may the Lord bless and keep each one of you and your families in his hands of love.

In Christ Alone,

Doug McNutt, President, TCWM

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Dear TCWM Family,

Happy Easter. We have so much to celebrate. Easter is proof of so much of what we believe. It is a reminder of the victory of Christ over death. Here's some great news for you: The same power that God demonstrated when He raised Jesus Christ from the dead is available to you. Paul wrote in Romans 8:11, "And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you."

Alone we are powerless and weak; we are not able to resist sin, we are dead in our transgressions. But the resurrection of Christ changes everything. Easter reminds us that great power is available to us, it tells us that Christ offers us a new life of victory.

After his resurrection, Jesus begins to speak of the Holy Spirit. A great victory had been won, and Jesus immediately promises and delivers the Spirit, His Spirit, the Spirit of power. Jesus' last message to his disciples before his ascension is found in Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

The resurrection prepared the world for the pouring out of the Spirit of Christ. When the Spirit comes into your life, you are never the same. You are regenerated; you become spiritually alive. You have a new power. 2 Corinthians 5:17 teaches, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

How can you tell if you have resurrection power? The resurrection is not about making a few changes in your life. It is about transformation, the resurrection of your heart, and the beginning of a new life. It is about God filling you with holiness and joy. And when that happens--when this resurrection power comes, everyone around you will notice the change.

What is the best way to celebrate Easter?

If you are already a Christian, the best way to honor God on Easter, and every day, is to draw on the resurrection power of Christ. It is to live in light of the resurrection a new life, a life designed to please God. If you are a Christian, look at your life; find where you fall short. Ask to be overwhelmed by the resurrection power of Christ. If you are a Christian, you have power to overcome sin. Christians are people living in this world with the energy of the next.

If you are not a Christian, you must consider Easter. You must put your faith in Jesus Christ, the one who is risen from the dead. You can't earn this saving faith. You just accept it; it's a gift. You must come to Christ in faith and repentance, then you will receive life. The Bible teaches to know Christ and to follow Him is to experience real life.

In John 10:10, Jesus said, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." That's why He came. Instead of feeling empty and enslaved and exhausted, Jesus offers you freedom from sin and the power and presence of His Spirit.

This is what Easter is about. It is a powerful witness that Jesus is Lord, and it is an invitation to follow a living Savior. The Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 10:9-10, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved."



Pete Anderson, Missionary of TCWM, Chancellor of TBI

Prayer Requests:

1.) We praise God for Doug's successful trip from which he just returned!

2.) Pray for our TCWM Rwanda Board as they meet and work through the requirements to be a recognized faith-based organization in Rwanda, and to lead the work of becoming accredited by the Rwandan Higher Education Council.

3.) We praise God for our first classes in Burundi!
4.) Pray for our students as many of them prepare to teach on Easter Sunday.

