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TRINITY BIBLICAL INSTITUTE TO OPEN IN RWANDA

Dear Christian Friends,

Jesus has given us a mission. As a Christian, you are part of that mission. That mission is to go to the nations of the world and make disciples. That is what by His grace and power we are attempting to do.

The mission of Trinity Center for World Mission is to develop Biblical, Christ-centered, self-supporting and reproducing churches in Central Africa and beyond, through the use of theological education, evangelistic training, cross-cultural study, radio-based proclamation of the Gospel of Grace and mercy ministries.



To accomplish this mission, God has raised up Trinity Biblical Institute. TBI is a four-year coeducational Bible College with seven Branches in Central Africa. Our classes are designed to help train church leaders, especially church planters in Central Africa. TBI is the major ministry of Trinity Center for World Mission. (For additional information, see trinitycwm.org or look for [Trinity Center for World Mission](#) on Facebook.)

Courses are now being offered at five locations for one week of intensive training four times a year, in March, July, November and January. Our present branches of TBI are in Uganda (3 locations), Kenya, South Sudan, Rwanda (starts November 20), Burundi, and Democratic Republic of Congo. (The branches in Burundi and Congo are small, but have great potential. The branch in South Sudan is closed due to war.) In the next six years, we plan to expand to Ethiopia, Tanzania, Malawi, Zimbabwe, and Cameroon.

In November (yes, in six weeks), we plan to open a new branch of TBI in Rwanda. Our team is preparing for opening of classes on November 20 in the capital city, Kigali. We have three teachers from the United States: Charlie King, Rich Young, and myself.



Charlie King

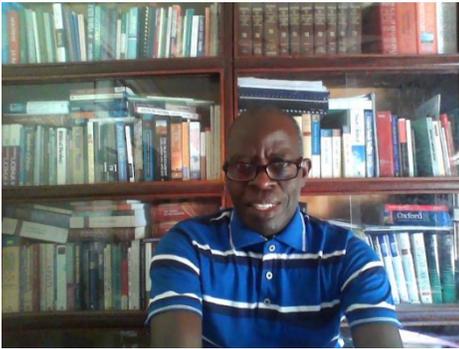


Rich Young



Pete Anderson

It is a privilege to serve with Charlie and Rich. Both of these men attended Trinity Church Central Oahu in Mililani, Hawaii when I was the pastor there. Charlie was an elder at TCCO as well as a Special Forces Colonel stationed in Hawaii. Rich was the Brigade Chaplain at Schofield Barracks and is a retired PCA Chaplain. We share a common bond: a love for the Gospel of Grace and a desire to share it with others.



In Africa TBI has many additional teachers. One of the most outstanding is Pastor Fred Kabenge (in picture at left), our Coordinator for the development of TBI in eleven countries in Central Africa. Fred has taken the lead in developing a strong faculty. We need this faculty now more than ever because Rwanda is only our first stop. We will also be teaching for a week in each of four other locations: Northern Uganda, Western Uganda, Eastern Uganda and Kenya.

Why are we going? We go out of love for Christ and our African brothers and sisters. **Less than ten percent of evangelical pastors in Rwanda have had any formal theological education.** Further God has commanded us to go and He has promised to accompany us on the journey. We believe this is the greatest need of the church in Africa: solid Biblical education, especially training that prepares pastors and Christian leaders for church planting and ministry. We go because *“there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”* Acts 4: 12

When we move into a new country, there are many startup expenses. Initial school expenses often include a tent, Study Bibles, curriculum, printing, translators, chairs, mats, mosquito nets, blankets, a sound system, and funds for transportation and food. **This one trip to minister at five branches of TBI is about \$38,000.**

You can help. This trip to Rwanda is not a one-time visit. This represents our commitment to the believers in Rwanda, which involves teaching 16 courses for the next four years and beyond. To accomplish this mission will require Christ’s blessing and presence, Christ’s church, prayer warriors and sacrificial givers. I am in! What about you? It is a privilege to go and a privilege to send. “In Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” and He must be shared with the nations.

If you can give a gift toward this Kingdom work, mail it to Trinity Center for World Mission; P.O. Box 580; Dahlonega, GA 30533, or you can go online and donate at <http://www.trinitycwm.org/donation-form/> TCWM is a 501(c)(3) organization.

May Christ’s Glory be Declared to the Nations,



Our African Team Including Teachers and Coordinators

Please keep us in your prayers. Here is some information about Rwanda

Rwanda

Rwanda, a former Belgian colony, is a Central African country located between Tanzania on the east and the Democratic Republic of the Congo on the west. It is between Uganda on the north and Burundi on the south. The country is slightly smaller than the state of Maryland.

The capital and largest city is Kigali, population 940,000. According to the CIA, World Factbook, "Rwanda is a rural country with about 90% of the population engaged in subsistence agriculture and some mineral and agro-processing. Tourism, minerals, coffee and tea are Rwanda's main sources of foreign exchange...a significant percent of the population (45%) still live below the official poverty line...Despite Rwanda's fertile ecosystem, food production often does not keep pace with demand, requiring food imports. (Rwanda is) Africa's most densely populated country."

The population of 12.3 million is made up of two major people groups, the Hutu (Bantu) 84% and the Tutsi (Hamitic) 15%. The majority of the population survives on subsistence farming on tiny parcels of land. Sixty one percent (61%) of the people are under 25 years old (0-14 years: 42.1%, 15-24 years: 18.9%).

The official language of Rwanda is a mixture of Kinyarwanda, French, and English. The country is transitioning to English as the official language.

There is full freedom of religion in Rwanda. Almost 90% of the people profess Christianity with a little over 5% Muslim. Of those claiming Christianity, 45% are Catholic and about 36% are Protestant.

Less than 10% of evangelical pastors have any formal theological training. Several theological colleges have a born-again presence, including the Rwanda Institute of Evangelical Theology (the encouraging result of the merger of two colleges), an Anglican college and a Pentecostal college. All face challenges...There is a dearth of good Bible study aids, and the government's decision to rapidly transition from French to English as the language of education will impact training for some years.

According to Operation World, "Many call themselves Christian but lack a depth of understanding of their faith. The prosperity gospel is beginning to extend its influence in Rwanda; churches need trained leaders and laity who can respond to such problematic issues. Teaching programs such as the Alpha Course can go a long way in building up the body of Christ, which is at risk of adopting an "evangelical nominalism"."