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Dear Partners in the Gospel of Grace,

One of the students we sponsor, **Pacifique Ibonavyose**, is from Bujumbura, Burundi. He now attends Westminster Christian Institute Uganda on a scholarship offered by Trinity Center for World Mission. We offer these scholarships to our best students in Trinity Biblical Institute.

Pacifique writes, *"I have pastors who need to be trained; they are ready to join the training you offer in Rwanda and they are ready to attend Westminster Christian Institute Uganda in the fall. They have had no training because **there is no seminary in our country**. Sir, we are behind in the world in Christianity, but Islam is growing day by day; Islam is growing because of the lack of sound doctrine in our churches. I am praying that God will send Bible believing teachers to our country."*



Pacifique Ibonavyose

Pacifique reminds us of the greatest need in Africa: sound theological training. Recently, the government in Rwanda closed 8000 churches. See:

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/news/2018/august/rwanda-churches-closed-fasting-restricted-rgb-religion-law.html> Why? Largely because their pastors were not trained. And the problems is getting worse:

- **Background:** In 1900, Africa was home to 10 million Christians - roughly 1 in 14 people on the continent. By 2000, there were 400 million - about 1 in 2.5. By 2050, there will be more than 1 billion Christians in a consistently growing African population. **Christianity is exploding** to the point that the majority of the world's Christians will live in Africa by 2060. Even secular eyes are watching the continent's population growth closely and reporting on its economic, human welfare, and other world impact.

Who will train the leaders of tens of thousands of new churches in Central Africa?

- **Trinity Biblical Institute has been established for this very task.**
- Our systematic, reformed and evangelical theological training **invests in a generation of teachers and preachers whose teachings are theologically sound** and who are able to disciple others.
- Through a **growing network of theological institutes** across Central Africa, we are bringing the Biblical Gospel to the nations.

We need to train a growing number of teachers and church planters. Pacifique is one of 18 special students that have applied for further training beyond Trinity Biblical Institute. They are competing for scholarships to attend Westminster Christian Institute Uganda (WCIU) and African Reformation Theological Seminary (ARTS). The cost for two semesters including room, board, and transportation is approximately \$900 for each student.

Will You Be a Sender?

- To sponsor one of the 18 students at WCIU or ARTS for two semesters, the cost is approximately \$90.00 per month for ten months. *At this point they all need sponsors.*
- In addition, we are expecting up to 700 students in our TBI classes in five locations in August and September. They are from Burundi, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Rwanda, Kenya, and beyond. The cost of each student is approximately \$84.00 for one week of training; their room and board is also included. We still need funding, a one time gift of \$84.00, for about 160 of these students.

Are you interested in providing Christian training for these leaders? Thank you for your consideration of this strategic ministry to the African Church.

I believe that training church leaders is the greatest need in Africa. That is why we invest resources to go. Further, we go in obedience to the great commission; Christ has commanded us to make disciples and teach them to obey all that He has commanded.

If you can give a tax-deductible gift toward this Kingdom work, please mail it to:

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You can also give a secure gift online at: <http://www.trinitycwm.org/donation-form/>

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Because Christ loves the nations of the world,



Executive Director, TCWM

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