

Teach these Truths

2009 EASTER OFFERING · RWANDA · AFRICA

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Dear friends,

Rwanda has come a long way since the genocide of 1994. The movie *Hotel Rwanda* was heart-wrenching and realistic, stirring an interest that from time to time causes people to ask me how Rwanda is doing now.

Looking at the big picture, things are much better now.

- ▶ The country held its first elections, without violence. This is major!
- ▶ A crackdown on government corruption proved helpful.
- ▶ The government is leading the people in an attitude of “we can do it.”

New opportunities are ready for us to seize.

- ▶ The government decreed that all teachers must use English beginning next year. Most speak French but not English. Evangelical Friends Mission (EFM) is issuing a call to our constituency for people to go for one or two years and teach English to the many Rwandan teachers in our Friends schools there. We have four secondary schools and four elementary schools.

In the Friends Church, our best days are just ahead.

- ▶ The leaders have taken ownership of their church. They direct it, love it, pray for it, and work together under the lordship of its head, namely Jesus Christ.
- ▶ The dependency paradigm of the mission paying for everything and nationals providing only physical labor is virtually gone. Praise!
- ▶ The new Discipling for Development model is being tested in four communities, with high expectations for success. The spread of this approach could potentially revolutionize the whole country.

What's needed?

- ▶ The partnership of development and church planting. It's coming!
- ▶ Rwandans sending their own missionaries. Also coming.
- ▶ The spread of Discipling for Development and kingdom businesses. Likely.
- ▶ A network of powerful intercessors, mostly within Africa.
- ▶ Financial support for EFM missionaries and their ministries.
- ▶ A smooth transition as the Rwandan church moves toward paying all of their own ministry costs.

What can you do?

- ▶ Give generously to the Easter offering.
- ▶ Intercede in prayer, trusting God for continued breakthroughs.
- ▶ Support individual missionaries and English teachers, or go to Rwanda yourself to serve.

This year's Easter offering will maximize the efforts of our capable missionaries. Will you ask the Lord what he wants you to do, and then obey?

From a heart that cares,

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