

Our Partner in Rwanda – The Anglican Diocese of Kibungo

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Rwanda:

- Is a landlocked country in central Africa located a few degrees south of the equator
- 10,169 square miles
- Bordered by Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Population of 12.6 million people
- Language is Kinyarwanda
- Religion: Roman Catholic, Anglican, Protestant and Islam
- Education is done primarily by the Roman Catholic Church
- Country is still very much aware of the 1994 Genocide

The *Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda* or Anglican Church of Rwanda is headquartered in Kigali

- Broken into Twelve Diocese
- Rwanda was instrumental in the rescue of the church in the US through Archbishop Kolini and Bishop John Rucyahana
- Kibungo is our partner – The Rt. Rev. Emmanuel NTAZINDA

- Relationship was formally signed on June 6, 2019 during Bishop Emmanuel's visit to the US
- The Diocese has over 72,000 Christians dependent on the land for income
- Diocese operates on \$4,000 per month
- Pastors are paid \$50-70/month; Archdeacons \$80-100/month
- Each parish has a small plantation garden to provide food and income for clergy and parish
- None of the clergy own personal vehicles or personal phones – provided by the congregation
- The diocese has spearheaded an effort to build modern homes for clergy
- The Diocese of Kibungo has focused on education in primary schools – Itetero Primary at the diocese center is the prototype

2020 Mission Plan:

- Developed after spending time in Rwanda and determining which parish to best partner
- Gahima Archdeaconry, Samuel: All Saints Anglican Church in Gahima
- Early Child Development center to be built in conjunction with partner – mission team
- School Supply drive
- Clergy Theological Education – ten students enrolled at cost of \$1,000 per year
- Goats - \$30 each
- Invite sister participation

Then COVID hit and the plan was put on hold

Our response to Rwanda in lieu of the 2020 Plan

- ASAC Coordinated efforts involving several ADOTS congregations and ASAC members
- Since July Of 2020 over \$50,000 has been raised and transferred to Rwanda for the following:
 - Broadcast of the gospel each Sunday in the Kibungo diocese – only denomination doing this
 - 264 families in six of the most impacted parishes received food and cleaning supplies
 - 1465 KG of Maize flour, 1441 KG of beans, 1265 KG of Rice, 369 Liters of Cooking Oil and 129 bars of soap were purchased and distributed
 - The diocese operation was fully funded and remained open
 - Seeds were purchased and distributed for Spring Crops
 - Sanitizing stations have been built
 - 5 Seminarians began their studies

Current Conditions in Rwanda

- God has been faithful and Covid cases are declining
- Travel in the country is no longer restricted
- Currently 35 Churches have been reopened
- The government ministers will meet the last week of August to possibly clear the way for the remainder of the churches to be open

Mission Opportunity:

- October 22-November 2 travel to Rwanda as part of a mission team to join with members of the Kibungo Diocese and Gahima

Parish to begin building a three-room school building which be the anchor of an education center.

- Current Passport is necessary
- Travel restrictions:
 - Must test negative for Covid 72 hours prior to travel
 - Will be tested for Covid at Kilgali airport and transported to a hotel
 - Hotel stay will overnight and when test results are available we will be picked up by our hosts
 - The team will stay at the Diocesan Center in Kibungo and be transported to Gahima daily by diocesan staff.
 - Airline tickets are approximately \$1,500 round trip
 - Costs of housing \$30 per day and includes two meals
 - Must have necessary shots and pretreatment for malaria.

Come and see.....