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Go Face to Face NEWS

An update from Go Face to Face International, Inc.

GFTF travels to Burundi, Rwanda

"Reaching people for Christ and walking with them to maturity"

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An amazing outpouring in Burundi

On November 21, 2008, a short-term missionary team of ten North Americans partnered with fifteen Burundians to plant six new churches in the town of Gitega, Burundi. Using personal testimonies and the Evangecube in door-to-door visits and on the street, we presented the Good News to over 4000 people in one week. God answered prayers mightily and drew over 1700 people to faith in Jesus Christ. Each evening as these new believers gathered for basic discipleship training, there was joy on their faces as they read God's Word and began to grasp the magnificent love Christ has poured out upon them.

A miraculous transformation

A miraculous transformation took place in a neighborhood overcome with alcoholism. When our team visited a bar in this area, they found it on the verge of a drunken riot and were strongly encouraged to leave. When they returned the next day and were asked why they had come back, they simply responded, "We have news you need to hear." The bar owner invited them to share the news the next day. When the team re-

turned on the third day, the bar owner and several patrons placed their trust in Christ. On the fourth day, the owner closed his bar and went door-to-door with our team to share the gospel. And on the fifth day, the owner shut down his bar forever and decided to honor God and return to his former occupation of furniture making.

Sharing with Muslims

Through sharing with Muslims, we learned the critical importance of making *disciples* who know Christ and His Word and can defend their faith instead of making *converts* who are vulnerable to deception. One of our new churches was planted almost on the doorstep of a mosque. As we shared with those deceived by Islam, we found many people had heard just enough Christian truth to inoculate them against the gospel. But even in this environment, God granted us the privilege of leading people to place their trust in Jesus Christ.

Training pastors in One on One with God

God allowed me to introduce the Kinyarwanda translation of *One on One with God* to a group of pastors in Kigali, Rwanda. Over five days we trained thirty-two pastors in how to use *One on One* to produce disciple-makers; twenty-nine attended all but one session. These pastors expressed heartfelt gratitude that we had presented this amazing, life-

changing disciple-making tool to them.

During the week we received one particularly warm compliment. On Monday one pastor offered regrets that he would have to miss the remaining sessions due to a necessary trip to Uganda. On Tuesday he showed up and offered the same regrets. On Wednesday he came again and stated that he absolutely must go to Uganda the next day. Though he did actually go on his trip, he committed to finish the training with the man who had translated *One on One with God* into his language. This attitude of eagerness to learn the lessons in *One on One* summarizes well the hunger and gratitude expressed daily by all the pastors in attendance. At the end of the week, we presented a "certificate of training" to each pastor: a fresh student book for him to take and use to make a disciple. The pastors were delighted to receive this great tool to help them give away their faith. Over the next few weeks my friend John Nkubana will follow up with these pastors to help them complete the book and begin discipling others.

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Burundi & Rwanda

**A very special thanks
to those of you who
stood with us with your
prayers and financial
gifts in 2008!**



GFTF receives early Christmas present

from Dr. Shon Remich,
GFTF Field Representative
for the Swahili Language
Group

Rough draft of *One on One* in Swahili is complete

On December 5, 2008, we received a most welcome early Christmas gift: the first rough draft of the *One on One with God* notebook, translated into the Swahili language.

Dr. Shon Remich, GFTF Field Representative to the Swahili Language Group, is an ordained minister and medical doctor doing AIDS research in Kenya. He has used *One on One* to disciple Kenyan nationals for years, and one of the men he disciplined coordinated this new translation. Shon writes, "I cannot believe how ripe the fields are for discipleship at this time! I've been leading a group of pastors through *One on One with God*, and we

**For
my determined
purpose is that I may
know Him...**

—Philippians 3:10 AMP

almost finished Session Six this Sunday. I had a chance to talk with them about their vision for making disciples. One of the men is planning to start *One on One* with his church as soon as we receive additional notebooks. Another man from Kakamega desperately wants the pastors in his area to receive notebooks and training. Church elders there are spending a significant amount of time traveling to different areas, looking for *One on One* discipleship materials. A man from Kisi told me the same story. They are hungry! I told them we may need to move slowly but with urgency because I want to make sure they all receive good training."

Free downloads! Free downloads! Free downloads! Free downloads!

- Daily Bible Reading notes pages and calendar, Daily Prayer Reminder pages, sermon notes pages are at <http://download.1on1withgod.org/>
- Tools to advertise your *One on One* group are at <http://mediakit.1on1withgod.org/>

Join Me in My Daily Prayer

Lord Jesus, help me to be Your true disciple, an obedient, willing witness and disciple-maker. Let it be who I am and not just what I do. Connect me with seeking souls today.



—Jerry Fine

(Write this prayer on a card, then memorize and meditate on it.)

OUR PLAN FOR 2009

is to obey the Great Commission to
"GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES
OF ALL NATIONS"
(Matthew 28:19-20)
and to provide on-site training,
support, encouragement
and pass-on-able tools to
pastors, missionaries, and leaders
around the world, enabling them
to make disciples
and produce disciple-makers.

✂ Please cut this out, keep it with your quiet time materials, and pray daily for these needs. ✂

Prayer requests

Please pray with us:

- For Jim & Michelle Parker as they represent GFTF in the Southern Hemisphere, especially Bolivia, Burundi, & Rwanda in 2009.
- For Dr. Shon & Kim Remich as they work with the Swahili-speaking people of Africa.
- For protection, encouragement, good health, and success for all GFTF disciple-makers here in the USA and around the world.

- For Jerry & Marilyn's health and that they will be able to travel to several locations overseas in 2009.
- That God would raise up financial contributors to support the GFTF disciple-making ministry around the world.
- Upcoming GFTF Disciple-makers Conferences in 2009.

**GFTF's ministry needs for the
year 2009 will require
\$241,336
in contributions.**

Financial needs

We are dependent on your contributions to support pastors, missionaries, and leaders around the world as they fulfill the Great Commission by making disciples and producing disciple-makers. Please prayerfully consider partnering with GFTF in 2009. Visit our website in January to use our new online contribution capabilities!

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How Long a Pastor?

One day a pastor asked me how long I had been a pastor. When I told him four years, he was amazed and said he thought I must have been preaching for thirty years. I told him, "I have been spending time reading and meditating on God's Word daily for the last four years. That must be what you are seeing." Praise God for the impact *One on One* has had on my life and the lives of those I have disciplined!

Prayer Changes Things!

During pastor training in Kigali, my health began deteriorating rapidly. When asked, many of you prayed. God immediately healed and strengthened me to finish the task. I am deeply grateful to God and to all of you for your prayers and support.

We received several requests for us to return to Rwanda in the spring. There seems to be a great hunger for the *One on One with God* tool and training to make disciple-makers.