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You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden ... In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.
(Matthew 5:14,16 ESV)



List of Countries In Africa

Algeria (People's Democratic Republic of Algeria)	Malawi (Republic of Malawi)
Angola (Republic of Angola)	Mali (Republic of Mali)
Benin (Republic of Benin)	Mauritania (Islamic Republic of Mauritania)
Botswana (Republic of Botswana)	Mauritius (Republic of Mauritius)
Burkina Faso	Morocco (Kingdom of Morocco)
Burundi (Republic of Burundi)	Mozambique (Republic of Mozambique)
Cameroon (Republic of Cameroon)	Namibia (Republic of Namibia)
Cape Verde (Republic of Cape Verde)	Niger (Republic of Niger)
Central African Republic (Central African Republic)	Nigeria (Federal Republic of Nigeria)
Chad (Republic of Chad)	Republic of the Congo
Comoros (Union of the Comoros)	Rwanda (Republic of Rwanda)
Côte d'Ivoire (Republic of Côte d'Ivoire)	Sao Tome and Principe
Democratic Republic of Congo	Senegal (Republic of Senegal)
Djibouti (Republic of Djibouti)	Seychelles (Republic of Seychelles)
Egypt (Arab Republic of Egypt)	Sierra Leone (Republic of Sierra Leone)
Equatorial Guinea (Republic of Equatorial Guinea)	Somalia (Somali Republic)
Eritrea (State of Eritrea)	South Africa (Republic of South Africa)
Ethiopia (Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia)	South Sudan (Republic of South Sudan)
Gabon (Gabonese Republic)	Sudan (Republic of Sudan)
Gambia (Republic of The Gambia)	Swaziland (Kingdom of Swaziland)
Ghana (Republic of Ghana)	Tanzania (United Republic of Tanzania)
Guinea (Republic of Guinea)	Togo (Togolese Republic)
Guinea-Bissau (Republic of Guinea-Bissau)	Tunisia (Tunisian Republic)
Kenya (Republic of Kenya)	Uganda (Republic of Uganda)
Lesotho (Kingdom of Lesotho)	Western Sahara (Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic)
Liberia (Republic of Liberia)	Zambia (Republic of Zambia)
Libya (Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)	Zimbabwe (Republic of Zimbabwe)
Madagascar (Republic of Madagascar)	

Dream Big!

“Only he who sees the invisible can do the impossible.”

God birthed you for a purpose and He has big dreams for you. God uses us to bring about his will here on earth (as it is in Heaven). Without a dream it is hard to have vision. Without vision it is hard to set goals. Without goals it is hard to keep focus and resist temptation. Without focus it is hard to stay responsible. God wants us to remember what he has promised us: Ephesians 3:20-21 “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think or imagine, according to the power that works in us”. Hebrews 10:23 “Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.” Don’t miss your chance to do great things for God with a great dream. A sociological study in which fifty people over the age of ninety-five were asked “if you could live your life over again, what would you do differently?” had three answers constantly reemerge and dominate the results of the study which were – “I would reflect more, I would risk more, I would do more things that would live on after me.”

Give your life for things that are eternal. Know that you are not alone, God is with you, and we are all together with you as laborers in his harvest.

We have a BIG dream to see each of the nations of Africa reached for Christ, with new leaders raised, new churches pioneered, and great missions accomplished.

We are so privileged to know you and work with you.

God Bless you,

Pastor Norma Cayzer ■



Pastor Norma Cayzer

Canbourne Campus Pastor
turningpoint Church - Australia



turningpoint
CHURCH



Sister Lori Kovac

Church Administrator

All Nations Open Door Church
London, Ontario, Canada

January 2022 was a very quiet month as you can imagine. Our ladies had a get-together at my home on the 15th January. It was a time just to be together as sisters. We spent time in Worship, prayer, and chatting. We enjoyed a wonderful meal together, and small tokens of appreciation were given to the ladies for their encouragement. We all had a wonderful time and are looking forward to doing it again soon.

Lori Richards-Kova ■

Pastor John Francis Maponda

CRC Ubungo Riverside, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania



Jehovah our God is with us continually despite the challenges that arise at every step we have as we ask God to strengthen and enable us to be victorious. Our testimony is that we are seeing many people coming to know our Lord and Saviour and being baptised in water. We are so thankful to God for his care, and to the CRC for your care.

Pastor John Francis Maponda ■

Pastor Dale Emmanuel Mutabiirwa

President - CRC Churches International Africa National Executive
Pastor & IMBC Trainer - Rwanda

EDITORIAL

I very much thank GOD for you, servants and maidservants of God, for your various contributions of articles and news items to the newsletter from different parts of Africa and beyond. Doing so has made this and the previous editions of the newsletter rich in content and somehow world-class. Glory to GOD. Special commendation should go to our Sister Roslyn Stuart, my co-editor for making it so. Her impeccable prowess of high computer skills, selfless character and excellent public relations have inexplicably made the same possible. I very much thank GOD for her and all of you in general, who in one way or another, have done what you could to make the newsletter appear what it is today. Contributions of articles and news items by members ushered in a very much needed sense of inclusiveness and ownership of the newsletter by all of us, instead of by Sister Roslyn and I, only as our special onus and domain.

I appeal to those of you that have not been able to send in articles or news' items in time from your areas and workplaces, to do so next time.

Our Australian CRC Missionaries, Pastor Phil Cayzer, Pastor Mike Cronin and Pastor John Zembwe based in Canada, their families and colleagues, also deserve a special mention and commendation for aptly making the newsletter something we are proud of today. Thank you.

On another note, I thank Chairpersons of CRC National Executive Committees who have so far submitted their country's Strategic Plans for the next three (3) years and National Action Plans or Work Plans and National Budgets for this year 2022. I appeal to those that have not done so, to do so. The Chairperson for Kenya CRC National Executive Committee, Bishop Wycliffe C. Bondet also deserves a special mention and

commendation for being prompt in responding to communications from our Africa Secretariat and for doing the needful in time. Thank you very much Bishop and keep it up, man of GOD.

Word of Encouragement

As human beings, more so as children of GOD and His servants, we have every reason to thank Him for bringing us this far unscathed despite the COVID-19 disruption and havoc in the world. Ebenezer (*1 Samuel 7:12* *Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen, and called its name Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far the Lord has helped us."*)

It has been by God's mercy that endures forever (*Psalms 136*) and will continue to do so, in Jesus' name (*Isaiah 44:26, Proverbs 18:21*). Glory to His Holy name. Because no word will go out of His mouth without doing what He said it will do (*Isaiah 55:11*). When we trust and obey what, according to the Bible, He wants us to do, He will always do what the Word of GOD in the Bible promises to do. For He is GOD, not a human being that He should lie (*Numbers 23:19*).

His Word in *Psalms 91:1-14 (NKJV)* is also very reassuring:

1. *He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*
2. *I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; y God, in Him I will trust."*
3. *Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence.*
4. *He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.*
5. *You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day,*
6. *Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction*



that lays waste at noonday.

7. *A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you.*
8. *Only with your eyes shall you look, and see the reward of the wicked.*
9. *Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place,*
10. *No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;*
11. *For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.*
12. *In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*
13. *You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.*
14. *"Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name.*
15. *He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honour him.*
16. *With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation."*

We serve a true GOD who changes not. He is immutable and therefore reliable and worth trusting for everything. He is capable of seeing us through anything including all seemingly humanly impossible things (*Jeremiah 32:27*). Therefore, He is the right GOD to follow, obey, serve and rely upon for everything. If He managed to part the waters of the Red Sea for Israelites to cross on dry ground to the other side, most likely by GOD constructing divinely and swiftly a tarmac like road, He is capable of similar miracles today by turning all seemingly impossible things, possible in a twinkling of an eye too.



Let me remind you of how great and capable is our GOD:

Exodus 14:1-30 NKJV

1. "Now the Lord spoke to Moses, saying:
2. "Speak to the children of Israel, that they turn and camp before Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, opposite Baal Zephon; you shall camp before it by the sea.
3. For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, 'They are bewildered by the land; the wilderness has closed them in.'
4. Then I will harden Pharaoh's heart, so that he will pursue them; and I will gain honour over Pharaoh and over all his army, that the Egyptians may know that I am the Lord." And they did so.
5. Now it was told the king of Egypt that the people had fled, and the heart of Pharaoh and his servants was turned against the people; and they said, "Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?"
6. So he made ready his chariot and took his people with him.
7. Also, he took six hundred choice chariots and all the chariots of Egypt with captains over every one of them.
8. And the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the children of Israel; and the children of Israel went out with boldness.
9. So the Egyptians pursued them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, his horsemen and his army, and overtook them camping by the sea beside Pi Hahiroth, before Baal Zephon.
10. And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them. So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to the Lord.

11. Then they said to Moses, "Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt?"
12. Is this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, 'Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness."
13. And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever.
14. The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."
15. And the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward.
16. But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.
17. And I indeed will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them. So I will gain honour over Pharaoh and over all his army, his chariots, and his horsemen.
18. Then the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained honour for Myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."
19. And the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them.
20. So it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus it was a cloud and darkness to the one, and it gave light by night to the other, so that the one did not come near the other all that night.
21. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided.
22. So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.
23. And the Egyptians pursued and went

after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

24. Now it came to pass, in the morning watch, that the Lord looked down upon the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud, and He troubled the army of the Egyptians.
25. And He took off their chariot wheels, so that they drove them with difficulty; and the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the face of Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians."
26. Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come back upon the Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their horsemen."
27. And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and when the morning appeared, the sea returned to its full depth, while the Egyptians were fleeing into it. So the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.
28. Then the waters returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen, and all the army of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them. Not so much as one of them remained.
29. But the children of Israel had walked on dry land in the midst of the sea, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.
30. So the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.
31. Thus Israel saw the great work which the Lord had done in Egypt; so the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord and His servant Moses"

Therefore, whatever challenges we come across in our Christian life and GOD's work, including the GOD given responsibility of caring for our families and bringing them up in the fear of Him, we shall overcome provided we work hard and well. GOD wants us to work (*1 Timothy 3:10*). He promised to bless the work of our hands (*Deuteronomy 28:12*). He never said that we should only pray and wait for miracles to happen through the work of our mouths!

Dale Emmanuel Mutabirwa
President
CRC Churches International
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Pastor Romano Mpundu

Senior Pastor & IMBC Trainer - Zambia



CRC Zambia Church Activities

We greatly thank God for the good work that He is enabling us to carry out here in Zambia. The year 2022 started on a good note.

The CRC Churches Zambia entered 2022 with great excitement as we just came from baptising new converts in December 2021.

Mission Trip to Mayukwayukwa Refugee Camp



The National Chairperson, Pastor Romano Mpundu took on a journey to visit the believers in the Western Province of Zambia from 31st January to 2nd February 2022. That is in Mayukwayukwa Refugee Settlement Area of Kaoma District to strengthen them in the faith.



Pastor Elisee Mushumba

Pastor & IMBC Trainer - Zambia



Church Construction in Mkushi



In promoting Church growth, we are carrying out Church building construction in Mkushi District, which is almost at the roofing level. This is the Branch run by Pastor Moses Simbua who was recently ordained to the call.



CRC Churches International Zambia National Executive Meeting

The CRC Zambia National Executive met on the 3rd February 2022 to develop the strategic plan and Action plan for 2022 – 2024 and 2022 respectively. The meeting was attended by all the National Board Members in Zambia.



Up Coming News

1. Church Planting

The CRC Churches Zambia is planning to start a new branch in Linda Compound of Lusaka. The National Chairperson Pastor Romano is scheduled to be with the Branch to lay the one foundation of CRC Global Vision. The first service is planned to be held on the 13th February 2022.

2. Bible Training (IMBC)

The CRC Zambia is in the process of student mobilisation to register various centres so that Theological training start early next month of March 2022.

3. International Missions

We are also making plans on how we can reach Botswana and open CRC Church in that country. We have connected the CRC Africa Chairperson Dr Dale to coordinate the process.

We pray for God's guidance and providence will be with us as we venture into these challenging tasks.

Pastor Romano Mpundu
CRC Zambia National Chairperson



Pastor James Apambwe Said

Pastor & IMBC Trainer - Tanzania



Church at NYANGUGE in Kenya



Korotambe, Tarime District, Mara Region, TZ



Church at NYANGUGE in Kenya



Korotambe, Tarime District, Mara Region, TZ



Church of MTIMRABU in Kenya



Korotambe, Tarime District, Mara Region, TZ



Church of Irigamba, Mwanza Region TZ

Missionary Trip

It is my pleasure to inform you that I have been on a Mission Trip to visit churches that have been requesting to join the CRC Churches International movement. I was able to visit five (5) Churches, three (3) in Tanzania and two (2) are in Kenya.

One church is located at Korotambe Village, Tarime District in Mara Region Tanzania, another is located in the Sengerema District, Irigamba Village and the third is located at Buchosa, in the Mwanza Region. In Kenya, one church is located in Mtimrabu and the other in Nyanguge.

We thank God because after ministering in all the five churches within two weeks, I got a chance to teach CRC vision, mission, objectives and core values to them, and also was able to read and explain the CRC Charter to them which they were very much interested and absorbed in It.

We thank our God that we now have five (5) more churches that are added to our CRC Family.

Pastor James
Tanzania, East Africa



Church of Irigamba, Mwanza Region TZ



Church of Buchosa, Sengerema, Mwanza TZ



Korotambe, Tarime District, Mara Region, TZ



Korotambe, Tarime District, Mara Region, TZ



Pastor Vishnu Durgadoo

Senior Pastor & IMBC Trainer
Quatre-Bornes, Mauritius

We, at Power of God Ministries, Mauritius started our CRC IMBC course for this year 2022 on the 20th January with two (2) students for Certificate Program starting with Basic Bible Doctrine and eight (8) students for Diploma Program with Apologetics, Biblical Truths and Biblical Extremes.

Due to the fact that covid restrictions are still in force in Mauritius, we cannot meet in the church, we are having our courses on Zoom for the time being. We are exploring every means God has put in our disposition to continue with the CRC IMBC program.

The students are very enthusiastic to study God's words and are showing great interest in doing so. They have understood that they must study the words so as to get prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks them to give reasons of their hope, *1 Peter 3:15*.

Do keep us in your prayers as I am

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aiming to contact as many Pastors and churches to offer the CRC IBMC courses.

*For I am not ashamed
of the gospel, because
it is the power of God
that brings salvation to
everyone who believes...
Romans 1:16*

Pray that there will be such a thirst among the churches in Mauritius to study God's words.

We have the Power God in us, according to *Ephesians 1:18-21* God has placed an incredible Power within everyone of us. Its like the mighty Power that raised Jesus from the dead. That Power is made available to us immediately when we become the children of God.



Pastor Atish Lugun

Associate Pastor & IMBC Trainer
Quatre-Bornes, Mauritius

Our God's given assignment of healing the sick, offer freedom to those in spiritual bondages, to spread the Gospel, which is the Power of salvation to all is for everyone. *Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 1:18*, We are not be capable of doing in our own ability, effort and capacity, we will be only able to do so in the Power of God. *1 Corinthians 2:1-5*.

Ask God to fill you with Power through His Spirit.

The kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of Power, *1 Corinthians 4:20*.

Pastor Vishnu Durgadoo
Senior Pastor
Power of God Ministries
Mauritius ■



Diploma Class - Quatre-Bornes, Mauritius (Ps Atish is absent)



Certificate Class - Quatre-Bornes, Mauritius



In Burundi there are three main CRC Churches with many outreaches..

1. The CRC Burundi headquarters is situated in the Bujumbura Ntahangwa district, Cibitoke. It located in the north west of Burundi at the northern end of Lake Tanganyika. The senior pastor of this church is Pastor Irakaza Moise and he has about 160 members. Pastor Irakaza is the CRC Burundi National Chairperson.
2. Sayuni Church is located in the Nyankanda refugee camp in the Nyankanda district, Ruyigi province that is the central eastern side of Burundi. The senior pastor of Sayuni church is Pastor Magorwa Amissi Mutula he has about 250 members. Is is this church that had the wall collapse in a storm.



3. Locate in the Muyinga province of the Gasorwe district is the Gasorwe Refugee Camp. This camp is in the northern area of Burundi. The third CRC church of about 104 members is located in the Gasorwe Refugee Camp. The senior pastor of this church is Pastor Ruhungo Kitambuzi. ■



Pastor Ciza Sylvester

Pastor - Burundi

News about CRC Churches International of Burundi.

Praise the Lord, Jesus Christ our Saviour. We begin to address warm greetings in Jesus name to our dear friends of CRC churches around the World.

In Burundi, we have to praise God who has stood with us at the end of 2021 and began 2022 year and until now. It is the grace and the strength of our Everlasting God. As we already have 11 outreaches/branches in the surrounding area. We are praying for a miracle that God will make a way financially to be able to purchase a property to build a church and supporting building so that we can move out of the rental market.

Being rented accommodation is not idea, however we will continue to spread the gospel in our local and surrounding areas so that more people are brought in to the kingdom of God.

I praise God that now we have enough new believers in our different



The new converts I was teaching in Manege church, Bubanza Province (13/02/2022)

locations that they are being prepared to be water baptised on Easter 2022.

I am working on translating the 19 books of CRC churches foundation into Kirundi language. I believe God will continually be with me guiding and blessing the work and providing for any needs that I require to continue to be met.

I ask that you pray for us in order that God will open the way to register CRC churches in Burundi. We believe hundred percent that we will receive the registration certificate for we know God acts on his time.



A very unfortunate event happened at Sayuni Church, located in the Nyankanda refugee camp. On Sunday evening 16th January 2022, during a bad rain and wind Storm, a complete wall of the church collapsed leaving bricks laying on the ground. We praise God for there was no injuries or deaths and we also Praise God it was only one wall not the whole Church. May God comfort you all.

Ps Ciza Sylvester - Burundi ■



Sayuni Parish church building destroyed by the storm in Nyankanda, Ruyigi Province

Pastor Zealot Mbembe Majagira

Reverend Pastor
CRC Haut Katanga DR Congo



God is faithful to keep His word



The parents of the new born

This testimony goes back several months to the end of December 2021. One of the Christian members of the CRC Haut Katanga was pregnant, we followed her pregnancy and we prayed for her every day from the first months of her pregnancy until the day of childbirth. (For the little story, by the way, this lady had given birth to her first child by cesarean section.)

One Sunday in full worship service we receive an emergency call from her husband asking us to join him at the hospital urgently where his wife was experiencing the threat of childbirth. Leaving the worship service straight away, Reverend Zealot, his wife and five members of the church rushed to this hospital in order to pray for the mother and baby.

Arrived at the hospital around 2 p.m. we found the lady in good health but in a state of confinement. The doctor receives us in his office and tells us that the situation is complicated because the blood pressure of the lady was very high, something which is not good for a pregnant woman during childbirth. The doctor was insisting that she should have an emergency cesarean because of the complications. Reverend Zealot and his companions did not panic

but rather stood in faith and told the Doctor that God will be with her and she will have the baby at the right time naturally.

The Doctor was not happy about what we were saying to him and he continued to insist that she absolutely required an emergency cesarean and suggested that we would be responsible if anything bad happened to her or her baby. However, we stood assuredly firm on *Hebrews 11:1* "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see" and insisted that the mother should go home until it was time to give birth.

Before the time came for her to give birth, we spent time in prayer with her, standing on the word of God and encouraging her that God is in control, to keep that faith because nothing is impossible for God. *Luke 1:37* "For no word from God will ever fail."

"For no word from God will ever fail." Luke 1:37



Pastor Zealot praying for the new born baby

The birthing time arrived in the middle of the night as her contractions had started again. Her husband took her to a hospital near his home and around 3 am she gave birth to a beautiful girl

without a cesarean section. Praise God for his faithfulness.

Lesson: until God has said his last word on your life, even the statements of doctors cannot change the will of God. Even if a disease is declared incurable remember that he is the God who heals all the sick without exception

and nothing then nothing limits the greatness of God, neither the cesarean nor heart disease or cancer nothing limits the greatness of our God.

Pastor Zealot Mbembe Majagira
CRC Haut Katanga DR Congo



Mother and new born baby

Evangelist Ahadi Mathieu

Evangelist & Pastor

Faith Temple Church, Burundi



My Testimony

My vision is to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world through the CRC Burundi and CRC Churches International.

I have the great pleasure of coming before you, to send you photos or illustrations of the work of evangelisation which God is doing through me in Burundi and through Faith Temple Church to which I belong and am a pastor and evangelist.

While I was still in the church of Sayuni Church in (ZAIION) (Nyankanda Refugee Camp, Ruyigi province, Burundi) which is led by my father, Pastor Magorwa Amissi Mutula, I received a vision from God telling me that I should go to another different place and preach to other people who do not know Jesus, those who are still in chains of the devil, so that they may be freed and receive Jesus Christ as their saviour. So I shared this vision with my father he allowed me to follow the vision.

In order for me to fulfil this vision, I searched out the lost in many places, I invited anyone who needed to come to hear the good news of the gospel, including drunks, smokers, gamblers, prostitutes and many others, so they would have the opportunity of eternal life.

It is Jesus who saves people but He uses us to bring the lost to the cross and I praise God for the many who responded positively to my invitation as they came in large numbers to



listen to the word of God. I taught them the good news of Jesus Christ and many accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, They continue to come as they were hungry for the word of God and many turn for their past ways and are now being baptised in water (*Matthew 28:18-24*). They are now in fellowship at Faith Temple Church where they are worshiping and being taught and learning about God through the teaching of His Word so that .

"...Certainly, in heaven, there is joy only for one saved person..." (Luke 15:4-7)

God graciously gave me the ability to sing songs of praise to His name, not only to entertain people but also to bring the gospel to that lost at concerts that I am performing at.

When I am thinking about organising a concert I spend a lot of time praying and fasting so that the Holy Spirit will guide and lead me, not only in the organisation of the event but also that during the concert, the Holy Spirit will move on the people in attendance, that they will be open to the word of God and the good news as it is presented through both song and the spoken word.

I have found that during a concert that some people are reached through song while others are reached through the preached word, either way God is still touching them. At the end of the concert I will often give a call to people who wish to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour to come so they can receive prayer and we take their details so that they can be followed up.

Truly God be Praised Forever!



God is a great Father he has blessed me with many talents, evangelism, preaching the word, music and song. I had the honour of performing at a Gospel Concert at the Faith Temple Church with a famous Tanzanian singer called in the name of Rose Muhando (Nyankanda Refugee Camp, Ruyigi province, Burundi).



In the above photo, I am sitting with singers from Tanzania, Bishop Ezra, Neema Cizungu and Rose Muhando in Faith Temple Church. We were all there to perform in a gospel concert in the Nyankanda refugee camp in Ruyigi Province, Burundi.



Through the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ many people came to salvation, they were water baptised on January 8th 2022 at Faith Temple Church in Nyankanda camp.



God gave me the opportunity to share the gospel with footballers on December 15th 2021 so that they too would learn about how much Jesus Christ loves and cares for them and I praise God that He is using me to reach the lost in the Nyankanda refugee camp, Ruyigi province, Burundi.



As God is continually using me is through music and song and I was blessed to be able to perform at so a gospel concert in the Musasa Refugee Camp, in another province called Ngozi, Burundi.

Evangelist Ahadi Mathieu
Faith Temple Church - Burundi



Pastors Lucy & Jonathan Chiligati



Senior Pastor Lucy
Associate Pastor Jonathan
Tabora, Tanzania

PENUEL WOMEN'S WEEK TABORA TANZANIA.

We thank our heavenly father for his manifestation in our Ministry, namely Penuel Deliverance Church under CRC. Our church started in 2013, and has been active in fulfilling the Lord's major commission (Math 28:19-20) of taking his word of salvation to all nations.



Our Almighty God, through the name of Jesus, has been performing great deeds of salvation, healing, deliverance and blessing his children using his servants (Pastor Mrs Lucy M. Chiligati and Assistant Pastor Mr Jonathan E. Chiligati).

Our Women, through their organisation "Wanawake ni Jeshi Kubwa" or in English "Women are a great Host", have been active in supporting God's work in our church, just as Jesus did in his earthly ministry (Luke 8: 1-3). Thus, women had a whole week of celebration, during which, through

their leaders; they lead all services in the church including praise, prayers and preaching. During this colourful week, women were reminded about the benefits of serving the Lord. Some of the biblical examples cited included the Shunamite Woman (2 Kings 4: 8-37) and the Zarephath widow (1Kings 17: 8-24).

These women of the old were saved from famine and both women's children were resurrected by Men of God after they had died. In addition, women had a week-long of prayers and fasting, for God's work and their families.



This was the first such celebration since the church started, and they plan to hold it annually, by end of each year.

Senior Pastor Lucy Chiligati
Tabora, Tanzania





Mercy Ministries Organisation

Mercy Ministries is a faith based community organization that was established in 2001 and is committed solely to providing a safe haven for vulnerable members of the community. This includes, but not limited to, orphans and vulnerable children, widows and poverty-stricken families.



Mercy Ministries believe in the philosophy of "Give L.I.F.E to help shape a Life". This simply means that we challenge individuals and organisations of good will (persons,



13yr old Valerie receiving an award for best girl academically and character from Rev. Joshus Kangie

families, church missions groups, corporates, rotary entities, etc) to invest in the 'lives' of individual children or collective, by giving labour, influence, finances or their experiences and expertise to help transform the needy, vulnerable and orphaned children.

Over the years, Mercy Missions has thrived and broken all odds in order to better the lives of the above named cohorts.

Today, we have a vast number of enlightened and educated citizens who would never have accessed quality education and we are happy that they are using this resourceful opportunity positively in building the nation.

Besides, Mercy Ministries has supported a number of vulnerable groups in the forming support groups. Mercy Ministries fraternity has helped these groups by educating and encouraging them on manners in which they can improve their living standards by practicing subsistence agriculture and small business enterprises in a level practicable by the communities.

Mercy Ministries is guarded by the following core values :

1. Integrity
2. Excellence
3. Servant leadership
4. Hard work
5. Loyalty
6. Faith
7. Trust

Mercy Ministries has a promising future as it has a vision of extending its territories to reach and support the above named cohorts, as far as possible. It aims to see that every child acquires quality education and no child is denied the right to basic needs.



Reverend Consolate

CRC Churches International Africa Kenya National Executive Committee



In order to achieve this objective, Mercy Ministries calls upon other organizations and persons with similar interests for collaboration.

'An educated child is an educated future....'

Reverend Consolate
Eldoret Kenya



21yr old Felix receiving an award for best by in character, he is pursuing a career in electrical engineering. His sister (19 yr old) is in college studying agriculture.

Bishop Ibrahim Munga Mchengwa

Senior Pastor
Mlima wa Baraka Pentecostal Mission Church
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania



Our New Property

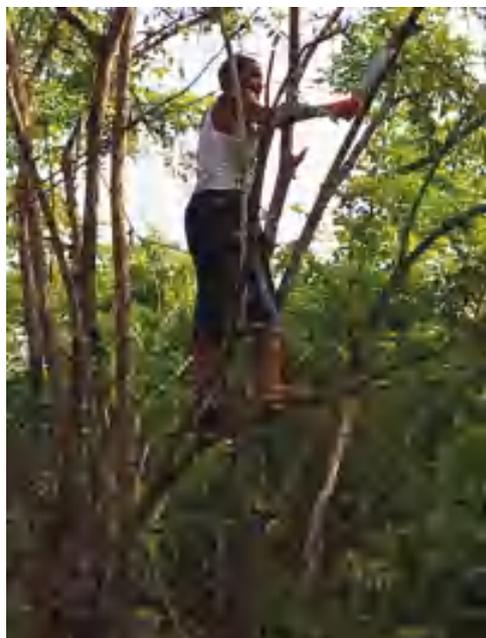
Our church has a long term strategic plan to enable us to be self sustaining and reliant economically.

This month (February) we were able to purchase 100 acres of land south of Dar es Salaam in Rufiji that is in the Coastal Region of Tanzania.



Our plan is to use the land to grow sesame and cashew nuts to generate an income for our church.

My team and I spend a fair amount of time there preparing the land so that in the rainy season we will be



planting of our crops. We have a set up a camp on the property and while it may be basic we are out in nature that God created and it allows us to have fresh air and exercise while preparing the land.



Water Baptisms

Praise God that on Saturday 12th February 2022 on Mbezi Beach, Mlima wa Baraka Salasala kwa Ubarikiwe we held a water baptism



CRC Churches International Missions Bible College (IMBC)

We also thank God that we have successfully started the IMBC



certificate level course here in Dar es Salaam.

The trainer are Pastor Hassan Rangi Yassin and Bishop Peter Sambo from Kigoma Region We have about 20 students enrolled, they are all very keen to learn the word of God and are dedicated to successfully completing their certificate studies.

Bishop Ibrahim Munga Mchengwa
Senior Pastor
Mlima wa Baraka Pentecostal
Mission Church Dar es Salaam





Pastor Freud Kazimoto Kika

CRC 93e CEPEA, Porte Ouverte
Democratic Republic of Congo

“Fear the Lord, you His Holy ones, for those who fear Him lack nothing.” Psalms 34:10

“OUR LIFE PROSPERS WHEN OUR SOUL PROSPERS”

At the end of 2021, we travelled from the Democratic Republic of Congo to join the first international CRC conference held in Mwanza, Tanzania.

Now in 2022, we are focusing on the action plan in the vision of the church and we are excited to share this article to encourage one another.

The Bible encourages us and gives us the means to experience this reality, even in a context that can be hostile, painful, difficult to manage.

3 John 1:2 “Beloved, I wish that you prosper in all things and be in good health, as your soul prospers.”

We desire to see the fulfilment of all of God’s promises to us; especially prosperity.

To prosper is to grow in abundance and to develop. The expression “to prosper in every

way” indicates the integral growth of the human being: their spiritual, physical and social growth.

Physical prosperity refers to our work and our projects. Spiritual prosperity, on the other hand, speaks of the health of the soul linked to communion with the Lord, like the tree planted by the stream.

Psalms 1:1-3 “Blessed is the man who does not walk after the counsel of the wicked, who does not stop in the way of sinners, and who does not sit in the bench of scoffers. But who delights in the

law of the LORD, and meditating on His law day and night: he is like a tree planted by a stream, yielding its fruit in its season, and whose foliage does not wither: all that he does, succeeds.”

“Prosperity in every way” is, therefore, the fruit of salvation in Jesus Christ; it is life in abundance that the Lord speaks of in *John 10:10* “I have come that the sheep may have life and have it abundantly.”



In today’s world, most people focus only on physical prosperity, ignoring spiritual one. However, we desire to possess and receive from the Creator without worrying about the relationship that exists between Him (the Lord) and us. The Word of God always teaches us the merits of having a solid and intimate relationship with the Lord.

In *Psalms 34:10* it is written: “Fear the Lord, you His Holy ones, for those who fear Him lack nothing.” The emphasis is on the fear of the Lord.

The Bible says that those who fear the Lord lack nothing and He will take care of them.

He knows their needs and meets them at the right time. God is not a blessing machine that we should run to when we only need miracles or blessings. He is our tender and well-winged Father. He desires us to approach Him day by day, thereby developing a close relationship with Him. So watch over the state of

our soul, make it prosper, aspire to spiritual maturity and we will see that our priorities, as well as our needs, will change and approach with a view according to that of God. Today, if he wanted to reward each of us according to the quality of the relationship we have with him or in relation to the state of our soul; what will be our

part? Think about it.

In 2022 the CRC Bible Mission DRC has starting very strongly. We are planting new churches and have launched the IMBC College Bible, Kinshasa Campus. We absolutely appreciate your prayers of support for us, as we continue to plan churches, run the Kinshasa IMBC and plan a second IMBC with a further 25 students.

Pastor Freud Kazimoto Kika.
CRC 93e CEPEA
Porte Ouverte DR Congo

Pastor Tassy Anne Mutabiirwa

Senior Pastor - Shilo International Outreach, Rwanda



GOSPEL MUST BE PREACHED

By Pastor Tassy Anne Mutabiirwa

Matthews 24:14 NKJV "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

My family and I, thank GOD for the gift of life and the opportunity to serve Him. By the grace of GOD also I am a married woman with children and a Pastor of our church in Rwanda, Shiloh International Outreach. However, following the closure and clampdown of churches in the country in March 2018 that did not meet the stipulated conditions, we have not been congregating in our usual place of worship for approximately three (3) years now.

In March 2018, the Government of Rwanda issued a notice of conditions churches should fulfil to be allowed to operate or continue operating in the country. They included a requirement for each church building to have a minimum of one acre compound in front of it, constructed and laid with tiles, and ample parking space. The church building was also required to have good toilets, separated for females and males. Another condition was that the church building's ceiling must be sound proofed. Although we had all that at the hotel we rented a hall for our church services, we were not allowed to continue because of renting. Another condition was that Pastors, Evangelists, preachers and teachers as a whole, should have undergone theological training, in possession of University degrees on the same.

The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic worsened the situation by causing all churches in the country to close. However, in August 2021, some legacy churches such as Catholic Churches and Anglican Churches were allowed to function due to having good premises and money to construct mandatory washing facilities. Unfortunately, many Pentecostal churches remained closed.

Effects of closing Churches

As it would be expected, the closing of churches, caused some Christians and some Pastors to backslide. Some of them, returned to their previous life including drinking alcohol, etc. I also know of a Pastor who because of frustrations and poverty, caused by the COVID 19 lockdown in Rwanda, turned his church building into a shed for his poultry project. The root cause of that is immaturity in the Word of GOD. He is one of the people not sufficiently rooted in the Word of GOD, to withstand challenges.



Above on the left is Ev. Nome in a black jacket and Pr Tassy on the right posing for a group photograph with bicycle transport youths after preaching to them on the street in Rwamagana, Rwanda and accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour.

The solution lies in us ensuring that church members and Pastors alike are taught the Word of GOD deeply for them to become true disciple of Jesus Christ as it is commanded us. (*Matthew 28:18-20, John 8:31*).

Acts 26:18 NKJV "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto GOD, that they may receive forgiveness of sins



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and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me."

What I am doing as a Pastor

I thank GOD very much for my friend Evangelist Nome Irene and I, doing a door-to-door evangelism together, every time I get time off my heavy schedule at my workplace, to win souls for Christ., Among the people, we have preached so far and continue to preach to in that way, are youths who we find playing games for money during their leisure time. We even find some playing billiards. As already cited above, some are in the bicycle transport business and others are in the motor cycle transport business.

Among others, we are encouraged by the Scripture in *Romans 1:16*, which says *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of GOD unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."*



Here we (Nome and I) entered in a place where youth and men come to play billiards. We normally give them time to conclude the game prior to sharing with them the word of GOD. Photo taken by Pastor Tassy

Indeed, the Gospel is the power of GOD over Satan and sin.

To GOD be the glory, most of the people we have reached out to so far have received JESUS as their personal Saviour. Those who give their lives to Jesus, they do so because of hearing the Word when reached (*Romans 10:17*). Therefore, it is worthwhile going out witnessing in our neighbourhoods including streets, to win as many souls as possible for Christ. People are tired of life without a sure destiny found in Jesus Christ. They are also poor and hungry for the word of GOD. For example, in two (2) days we led 30 people to Christ and one of them was a Moslem. It pleased my heart to see a Moslem accepting JESUS as his personal Saviour.

In conclusion, we have no excuse not to witness for Christ due to not having a church as is commonly the excuse. We are the church. Since we are so, churches are open and active. They are not closed. Only church buildings in Rwanda are closed. For despite which, we continue to worship GOD in our homes and on Zoom during Sunday church services.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 KJV "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of GOD, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify GOD in your body, and in your spirit, which are GOD's."

Pastor Tassy Anne Mutabirwa
Shiloh International Outreach,
Rwanda ■



The youth in Motorcycle business found playing billiards received JESUS as their personal savior after witnessed to by Pr Tassy and Ev Norme in the picture above. Photo taken by Pr Tassy

Apostle Venant Ndayiragije



Apostle & Pastor
Bethesda Christian Church
Bujumbura, Burundi

of God. The way we communicate and advertise these events is via social media such as WhatsApp and Facebook.

God keeps on protecting and blessing us and because of His presence with us the churches keeps growing.

Bethesda Christian Churches has ten (10) churches and other branches in different provinces under its covering. Bethesda Christian Churches has some associations with the CRC, however, in recent times we have been a long time without any communication.

Bethesda Christian Churches have about 4000 members, who are from many different demographics in the different locations. Many of our members are poor and others are illiterate and they all require lots of training both in God's Word and in everyday practical things.

Every year we run a conference where bring all Bethesda Christian Churches together along with local churches and we also invite brethren from other nations such as Tanzania, Rwanda, Kenya, DR Congo, Uganda and Malawi. We often have over 12,000 people attending the conference where they praise and worship and are taught the Word



Because of Covid-19 border closures and restrictions, it has not been possible to go to other nations to preach the word of God. However God still healing people through preaching, through the different conferences that we have been holding, there are many testimonies of the miraculous work of God in Burundi and across the world.

We continue to trust God to supply our every need, spiritual, practically and physically. ■





Pastor Irakaza Moise

Chairperson
CRC Churches International
Burundi

BURUNDI CHURCHES



Worship of the Urban Church in Bujumbura



Muyinga district church service in Gasorwe region



Ruyigi district church service in Nyankanda region



Pastor Hassan Rangi Yassin

Pastor Hassan Rangi
Projects Director - CRC Churches International Africa



CRC Tanzania Executive Committee

Our Heavenly Father is taking care of us and strengthening us day after day.

We praise the Lord for enabling us to fulfil His great commission as it is stipulated in *Matthew 18:19*



To date, we have been blessed to meet most of our goals with most activities achieved. We have now expanded our CRC Church into Sirari, and also into several other parts of Tanzania. We also established CRC International Mission Bible College for the first time in Dar es Salaam that started the Certificate course at the beginning of February 2022. Please pray for us during IMBC training in Dar es Salaam so that pastors can gain skills that will enable them to lead the churches and discipleship properly.

As part of our strategy and action plan for our church, we are planning to visit all CRC sub-regions and see what needs to be done to fulfil our goal. Bishop Ibrahim Munga Mchengwa (Dar es Salaam) has

planted 114 churches in different parts of Tanzania and Bishop Peter Sambo has churches in Kigoma, Katavi, Tabora, Arusha, Kwimba and Kahama.



Churches learning to be self-sufficient financially has been encouraged by Dr Dale and the CRC. Two churches have taken the first steps to achieve this goal, Mwanza and Dar es Salaam have both now have land and the plan to grow crops to sell thus ensuring an ongoing income to support the work of the churches.



Our vision is to have IMBC campuses strategically placed across Tanzania. We have a campus that is currently





running in *Dar es Salaam* and are planning to reestablished campuses *Kigoma (Ujiji)*, *Kasulu*, *Mwanza*, *Kazuramimba*, as we have previously run classes in those locations.

We are planning to set up IMBC campuses in the following locations in Tanzania:

<i>Mbeya,</i>	<i>Songea,</i>
<i>Kyela,</i>	<i>Iringa,</i>
<i>Sirari,</i>	<i>Kilimanjaro,</i>
<i>Kahama,</i>	<i>Tanga,</i>
<i>Tabora,</i>	<i>Puani,</i>
<i>Shinyanga,</i>	<i>Morogoro,</i>
<i>Tanganyika,</i>	<i>Zanzibar,</i>
<i>Rukwa,</i>	<i>Pemba-Unguja</i>
<i>Tunduma,</i>	<i>Zanzibar,</i>
<i>Arusha,</i>	<i>Bukoba,</i>
<i>Bagamoyo,</i>	<i>Bihalamulo,</i>
<i>Kibaha,</i>	<i>Shato,</i>
<i>Geita,</i>	<i>Kibondo,</i>
<i>Ngara,</i>	<i>Kankoko,</i>
<i>Singida,</i>	<i>Uvinza,</i>
<i>Dodoma,</i>	<i>Manyovu,</i>
<i>Manyara,</i>	<i>Buhigwe,</i>
<i>Simiyu,</i>	<i>Nguruka,</i>
<i>Songwe,</i>	<i>Kagunga,</i>
<i>Mtwara,</i>	<i>Kwimba.</i>
<i>Lindi,</i>	

*Study to show yourself
approved by God, a
workman who need not be
ashamed, rightly dividing
the word of truth. 2
Timothy 2:15*

have them study for their degree in Theology. We are praying that CRC Australia will support this vision and work with us to achieve this goal. We now have the CRC registration as required from our Government so let us plan together to make the vision a reality.

We thanks all Brothers and Sisters who are fully devoted to praying for the CRC Africa and Australia to lift up the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Many Thanks go to Pastor Phil Cayzer for making this happen in Africa and bringing positive spiritually change through our CRC Churches International Mission Bible College.

Pastor Hassan Rangji

Projects Director - CRC Churches International Africa

We have the vision to train students not only to the Diploma level but



Bishop Suveni Rubaduka

Pastor - CRC Open Door Church
Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo



As many of you will have heard from international or national mass media, DR Congo has been in a state of continual civil war. It's now for almost two decades since the eastern part of DR Congo has been ravaged by war and violence with a mosaic of different armed groups and corrupt army units that have become involved in the conflict over time, for a variety of politically motivated and historically rooted reasons. The subsequent wars and continued conflict in the east have cost almost more than 8 million human lives so far, making it the deadliest conflict since World War II. Civilians have suffered immensely from widespread insecurity and women and children have often been the deliberate target of violence at the hands of the armed forces involved.

Women targeted from both parties of belligerents

In the course of the operations and conflicts among armed groups in the Mountains of Uvira, Minembwe, Mikenge, Masango, Kitchanga, Rutshuru and Beni, civilians and villages, mostly innocent women and children have been attacked by the conflicting parties, who accused them of collaborating with enemies. Villages have been destroyed, houses looted, people kidnapped and killed, and women and girls raped and sexually abused.

The denigration and abuse of women and girls have destroyed family

Women and children's efforts in CRC Open Door Church in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DR Congo)

structures because of the cultural beliefs that a sexually abused and raped woman can no longer stay with her husband in marriage so these females are cast out of their families.

I am saddened, sickened and ashamed as I write this article to draw our CRC brethren to the plight of people in the region where I live and base my ministry.

The eastern part of DR Congo has been called 'the rape capital of the world' with over 200,000 rapes have been reported since the war began more than a decade ago. We believe that sexual violence is not cultural, or even sexual, it is a criminal action deliberately targeted to destroy women and girls. I believe that it is only by ongoing intercessory prayer that will stop the continued violence against women and children.

Missionary John Zembwe submitted to us the need to establish a CRC Non-Government Organisation (NGO) that would work towards strengthening the church in the

Democratic Republic of Congo. Our Pastors agreed and requested that the focus of the NGO would be on peace education, reconciliation, justice and denunciation of the illegal actions done to women and children.

The object of writing this draw your attention to the constant danger we and our families face and ask that you

stand with us to help our church to get engaged in the direct fight against impunity and the denunciation of perpetrators who are violating women and girls.

We want to commend our church the CRC Open Door Church DR Congo and its

two affiliated organisations the Africa Development and Humanitarian Liaison (ADHL) and the New Christian Alliance for the Restoration of the Congo (NACREC), for their efforts to address the issue of violence and abuse of women and children. Many times lay organisations have been speaking out about violence but it doesn't change a lot. [Dr Denis](#)

Women are more valuable than some of the most precious items on earth, so we need to treat them well and care for them, and they will with love.



Children's Ministry CRC Open Door Church Baraka DR Congo



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[Mukwege](#) (A Nobel Price winner and Pentecostal Pastor) has been advocating for women and children rights, we pray that we will be able to continue to join our voices to his as role models by speaking up against the horrible crimes of conflict-related sexual abuse and violence toward not only women and children but men also.

"She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her" Proverbs 3:15

We believe that talking about it openly can help us to break the cycle that has been called 'history's greatest silence' as sexual and gender-based violence has become a defining characteristic of the conflict. Women and girls are violated and sexually abused in their own homes, workspace, mines, fields, and forests, there seems to be no safe place for them to run to.

The women and children in my region (Eastern DR Congo) desperately want an end to this war against them. This is why the women in our church in Goma have started activities such as fundraising to support poor mothers financial to help raise their children. Unfortunately, most of these children don't go to school due to the lack of school fees and the constant danger of the war that is going on around them.

Pastor Bonheur Mirebo, a law graduate, and Pastor Hodaf Kalinda, a colonel in the military, have been appointed to follow up on the situation of sexual abuse and violence done to women in the community, especially to our church members. Joylen Kazimoto (journalism graduate) has been appointed to help our church to advocate for women and children's rights.

Teaching Children

We believe that it is very important to prepare CRC strong ministers so that we can continue to invest the word of God in children. It is only when children are taught good biblical morals, they will develop their God-given gifts such as choir singing and music to praise God, a diligent prayer life, love and honour for their parents, love the church, and be diligent in studying the Word of God, resulting them growing to be strong leaders of the church, community and the

country.

One day a friend of mine asked a question, "Are the children the church of tomorrow or the church of today?" Many may say that children are leaders of tomorrow, however, the reality is that children are not leaders of tomorrow they are leaders of today. When teaching and training children, they need lots of encouragement, they must also have the love of God shown and taught to them. The only way this will happen is by encouraging and teaching them to study God's Word which will prepare them to be leaders of a strong and stable church.

Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Our Request

I invite you, the reader of this article, to pray (without ceasing) for peace, justice and stability in DR Congo, especially in the eastern region. We desire and need equal justice for all people regardless of gender and age, for our country now.

I ask that you to, especially, uphold Joylen Kazimoto (IMBC graduate) as she advocates for the rights of women and children, that God will protect her and keep her safe and provide the various needs such as her living expenses and pieces of equipment needed for her works.

Bishop Suveni
Eastern DR Congo ■



Children's Ministry CRC Open Door Church Baraka DR Congo

Missionary John Francis Zembwe

Missionary to Africa & Canada
Senior Pastor & IMBC Trainer - Canada



The adventure of Home Away from Home is a short term missions accomplishment of a vision of the CRC church and leadership multiplication in East and Central Africa, it was started and realised by Missionary John Zembwe. Missionary Zembwe followed the pathways of Pastor Phil Cayzer who started bringing short term missions teams from Australia to Africa.

What is a short term mission trip you may ask?

A short term Mission Trip is a phenomenon of allowing believers from one country or region the opportunity to experience life and ministry in another foreign culture for a short time. This phenomenon is a way for people to grow their faith and self while also aiding those, in need of assistance, abroad.

Missionary John Zembwe is developing and encouraging this trend of short term missions trips to East and Central Africa to advance the CRC Churches International in Africa. Zembwe learned a good lesson and was inspired by stories of Brethren from CRC Papua New Guinea (PNG) who explained how their country received missionaries from Australia. These missions teams help them establish the CRC churches that trained young missionaries from surrounding Islands. Currently, PNG has become a well known CRC field.



Organising Team for Conference Uvira DRC

Home Away from Home Pursuing Partnerships and Connections

THE VISION

Other than being inspired by the work of Pastors Phil Cayzer of bringing CRC short term teams to Africa, and being encouraged by stories from CRC PNG, Missionary Zembwe was also inspired by the popular verse written in the word of God in the book of *Romans 10:13-15* says *“for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”*



Church Members Kinshasa DR Congo

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, *‘How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!’*”

Missionary Zembwe is convinced that the biblical model of missions is to go forth and preach the gospel publicly and house to house, plant churches, train up indigenous leaders, and encourage them to remain faithful. God has shown this, again and again, to be His wisdom as He raises up faithful men and women in the church to continue with His work on earth.

It's well known that Pastor Phil Cayzer and other CRC Australian missionaries are committed to this mission of encouraging short term mission trips. Since they started serving in Africa, they have visited Africa regularly, however, when the Corona-virus started, it slowed down their movements of traveling outside of countries and especially the movement of traveling to Africa because the border closures prevented them to travel outside their countries. It has been two years

now without sending a short term mission's team to other countries.

Even though CRC Churches International is still new on the continent of Africa it is encouraging that many African pastors are willing to affiliate with the CRC, however, there is a learning period of the CRC tenets of faith, the vision, the mission and the values. Corona-virus made the situation very difficult and painful for CRC missionaries and all those who want to see the CRC being expanded in Africa. Missionary John was frustrated that his trip missions trip was put on hold to Africa, which meant he was missing the opportunity to teach our African brethren, who were interested to become CRC church leaders and pastors, about the CRC movement values.

THE JOURNEY TO AFRICA

In July 2021, the Canadian government reduced the border restrictions which meant people could travel to other countries while still following health instructions and travel guidelines. Missionary John Zembwe took the opportunity to plan his mission trip adventure to Africa. After receiving the go-ahead from his wife and children, Pastor Phil Cayzer was very excited to learn that Pastor John was ready to travel to Africa to continue the CRC missions work.



Missionary John & Mama Nabita

Pastor Phil encouraged Missionary Zembwe and was instrumental in assisting with travel arrangements. Knowing that *“God has the plans to prosper us, not to harm us and that He (our God) has plans to give us hope and a good future”* as the book of *Jeremiah 29:11* says.

Missionary Zembwe left Canada and started his missions journey to Africa

arriving on 23rd September 2021 to start his adventure. On arriving in Tanzania, his first missionary adventure task was to organise the first CRC Churches International Africa pastors conference/assembly that brought together national pastors from nine (9) countries and many others participated in the conference/assembly online (using zoom app). The object of this important conference/assembly was to familiarise and agree in one accord on how the CRC will be expanded in Africa.

The main activities of advancing the CRC Churches International in Africa was scheduled to be decided at this conference/assembly:

1. Develop a vision of extending the CRC Churches International in Africa. The vision for Africa was adopted with the view that it will be accomplished within ten (10) years that the whole of Africa will be reached.
2. Africa will be an ecclesiastical region of the CRC and an executive secretariat was established with Pastor (Dr) Dale Emmanuel Mutabiirwa elected as the African National Chairperson.
3. Divide Africa up in to five (5) sub-regions.
 - Eastern Africa,
 - Central Africa,
 - North Africa,
 - West Africa
 - South Africa.
4. The division of Africa into subregions will facilitate the advancement of the discipleship process for all of Africa.

WORK AND ACTIVITIES DONE IN EVERY COUNTRY VISITED

Tanzania

After the Mwanza CRC pastors conference/assembly, Missionary Zembwe decided to continue with his short term trip to strengthen the CRC churches by starting in Zambia, Malawi and South Africa. However, because there was a new Coronavirus in Southern Africa, Missionary Zembwe was unable to visit those areas, so his plan B was enacted with him starting his missions trip in Tanzania. The following activities were achieved:

1. Organising the Tanzania conference/assembly in Tabora province in November 2021 where the participants elected and confirmed the Tanzanian executive national committee.



Church Meeting Tabora Tanzania

2. Identify the limitation of the 12 ha that pastors agreed to give to the CRC and change its ownership from the previous ministry of MIBOS to the new owner CRC Churches Tanzania.



Mark the boundries of our land Mwanza Tanzania

3. Prepare The CRC Constitution for incorporation and submit for registration, it is now has been approved by the government department.



CRC Tanzania National Executive
Burundi

Zembwe continued his mission trip by traveling to Burundi. The following activities were accomplished there:

1. Visiting of the church in Nyankanda refugee camp in Ruyigi, and Musinga Refugee camp in Bujumbura, accompanied by Pastor Moise Irakaza. Unfortunately, one of the wall of our church in Nyakanda collapsed in a wind and rain storm.



CRC Church Nyakanda Burundi

2. Create the CRC Burundi national executive committee with Pastor Moise Irakaza anointed chairperson.



Delegation to Nyankanda Burundi.

Thank you to all of you who are praying for us and it is because of your prayers we were able to go to the refugee camps, served the Lord and came back safely.

Democratic Republic of Congo

Next stop for Missionary John Zembwe was the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Uvira

In Uvira Missionary John Zembwe realised the following activities:

1. Organised a general assembly of pastors to teach them about the CRC values, vision and missions.



Pastors from different churches in Uvira DC Congo

2. Visited churches in Uvira, Bukavu, Goma and Kinshasa.
3. Plant a new church in Uvira, and another in Goma.
4. Made amendments to change the previous name of the ministry to include the CRC name.
5. An NGO of the church was constituted that will be dealing with peacemaking, reconciliation and humanitarian aid.
6. A national executive committee of the CRC was constituted.



DR Congo National Executive meeting Uvira DC Congo

7. Ran a pastors seminars to teach about the CRC tenets of faith, mission, vision and values.
8. Assisted a church in Goma to put the roof on their church and another church was provided benches.



Helped put the roof our church Goma DC Congo

9. In Goma Missionary Zembwe continued with the same activities of teaching the CRC values, vision and mission alongside strengthening the executive committee.

VISION SET IN PLACE FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS

CRC Churches International Africa held their first conference in Mwanza Tanzania in late September 2021.

The conference adopted the vision for the next ten (10) years, to focus on the expansion of the gospel of Jesus Christ through the CRC Churches International partnership and connection. For this we will focus on the following:

1. Training church leaders and pastors for missions and for leading their local ministries with efficiency.
2. We will encourage these church leaders to focus on the vision and mission's work because vision offers direction and opportunity.
3. We will follow our vision for the next ten (10) years schedule and invest in Church planting and leadership training.
4. We will facilitate projects of schools, universities, restaurants and accommodation centres and lodges.

This big vision of reaching all countries

of Africa cannot be accomplished without the hands of brethren who are reading this article, without the moral and financial support of friends and without a word of encouragement and prayers of all those who love missions to be extended in Africa and worldwide. I invite you to stand with us.

PARTNERSHIPS AND CONNECTIONS

Connections

I believe that a good way of reaching out and extending the gospel is to start developing relationships with people we already have influence with. We must also expand our circle to include strangers in our city and neighbourhood as our mandate from Christ is to proclaim the gospel to all people wherever we are sent. We must develop new relationships to have the right to be heard. To develop new relationships with the strangers around us, we must live among others in our contexts and connect with them. We can connect through the following steps:

1. Connect naturally in the context of everyday life,
2. Connect with people where they are (in their particular context)
3. If we cannot go where those we are trying to reach are, we can create third-space opportunities (creating a third-space that are neutral where non-Christians will come for their own needs and it can help us to develop relationships.
4. Creation of Bridge Ministries as a way of reaching out. These are ministries developed to bridge into the community to connect with people.

Partnerships

For partnerships, the CRC Churches International Africa movement is still very young and our pastors are still being trained on the vision, the mission, tenets of faith and values.



Church leaders meeting in Kinshasa DC Congo

As a child needs parents, CRC Africa also needs CRC Churches International Australia and its pastors to walk with us and guide us and help the CRC churches in Africa to grow up spiritually and in numbers to accomplish our goals. We know that it's not easy as change takes time and it takes conscientious effort on the part of all leaders.



Members of our church Uvira DC Congo

For the reasons mentioned above, we will need the following to strengthen our collaboration:

1. We desire that our hearts will be opened to where God leads us in short term mission trips and we ask that you stand in prayer with us that God will show us the paths we need to take.
2. We ask our Australian brethren to help and guide us as we prepare and strengthen our congregations and pastors for change through IMBC training program.
3. We covert close and longtime partnerships and encouragement with Australian brethren (regular Australian teams to visit Africa and African teams to visit Australia).
4. We desire to see the development of connections between African Sunday school children and Australian Sunday school children.
5. We will encourage collaboration and linkage between CRC African pastors for experiences exchange and familiarisation. This will be done by planning regular visits, regular communication and the organisation of National Conferences/Assemblies in which leaders from other countries will be invited to participate.
6. We request CRC churches to partner with us and pray for us so that we will lead with patience, wisdom, discernment, confidence, and grace. We are very aware right now of how much we need God to pour all of these things into our lives.

7. We invite those willing to come to Africa on short term mission trips. We encourage those who have the call of God to come to Africa will be willing to come as long time missionaries.

MISSIONARY JOHN SAYS THANK YOU

I appreciate all the Australian CRC Churches International leaders and pastors, especially Pastor Bill Vasilakis, the National Chairman of the CRC Australia for his hardworking efforts of giving an international vision to the CRC and especially allowing the expansion of the CRC Churches International to Africa and motivating the accomplishments of this vision. I also thank the CRC Executive team for serving under the supervision of the leadership of Pastor Bill Visilakis.

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Please know that when you partner with the CRC Churches International Africa or with our programs or



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initiatives, your generosity touches the lives of hundreds of people, giving them the hope they are looking for and clear steps and guidance to help them to keep moving forward responsibly as proud members of the CRC Churches International in Africa.

OUR REQUEST

'Home Away from Home - Pursuing Partnerships and Connections' would be as strong as a successful mission if we all are involved.



Roofing the CRC Church Mwanza Tanzania

If you are longing for a faith adventure and to live what you read in the Book of Acts, join us as we obey the words of Jesus to "go and make disciples of all nations." Your life and the lives of thousands of people will never be the same. Whether you are group leader, pastor or a sole individual, team up with CRC Short Term Missions Trip and be part of a mission that consists of the following:

1. Sharing the Gospel through preaching
2. Running pastors seminars
3. Reaching out to youths and children
4. We provide the love of Jesus to those around the world by caring for their most dire needs
5. Through outreaches and aid, kids are raised up to become radical little disciples of Jesus Christ and servants of God.
6. We support destitute orphans, street children, and poor children from the very destitute families who are victims of civil war with school fees, uniforms, medical supply and food,
7. We organise crusades and festivals where people are reached with the Gospel, healed, and delivered.
8. By faith, we are taking care of the elderly, poor widows who are abandoned in the society and communities,

9. We run peace education and reconciliation sessions to bring belligerent communities together for forgiveness

We request Australian and worldwide CRC churches and born again friends to stand with us and accept to support us so that we can continue to accomplish our vision of reaching the whole of Africa in only ten (10) years. We invite the CRC churches pastors and brethren to plan their mission trip to Africa to visit and encourage church planting actions.

Finally, we encourage African CRC pastors to mutually collaborate and visit each other. We believe and our faith is that God will silence the Corona-virus soon and we will come back to our normal routine as David prayed in *Psalm 143:11* "Rescue me Lord as you have promised; in your goodness save me from my troubles! Because of your love to me, kill my enemies and destroy all my oppressors, for I am your servant". So that the service we are rendering to our God may be unembarrassed, we pray Him to destroy the Corona-virus and set the world free of fear of Covid-19.

Finally, we invite you along with your team to come to Africa to visit and work with our ministry and help us to run crusades, train pastors, plant new churches and encourage them, carry out compassionate works among our poor communities, bless orphans, elderly, poor widows and sick people who are in our care. We invite our CRC brethren to start showing your interest in our upcoming trip Missions by contacting Ps Phil Cayzer (phil@turningpoint.asn.au) or Sister Roslyn Stuart (roslyn.s@turningpoint.asn.au) for information. We will contact you when the dates and location are finalised.

God bless you and thank you
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Roofing finished on CRC Church Mwanza Tanzania



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