



4 years later I return to Kigali Church. When Pete, Sam and I came to do a Pastors Faith Evangelism conference here we found a struggling, roof leaking, dirt (mud) floors and multiple color plastic sheeted walls.

Pastor James expressed concern over the longevity of the church with its stagnant or declining attendance. We asked about his Bible Study - Sunday School program and he said, "we tried that and it didn't work, besides it is just for kids anyway". A week later we leave praising God over the 226 salvations, a changed attitude and the Pastors remarks ringing in our ears, "your training has fallen on fertile ground".

Now when I walk through the modern and completed building I see a new roof, cement floors, stained glass windows, ornate brick walls and I'm very impressed. They now have a solid Bible Study program that meets every Tuesday evening in 15 different Home Cells around town. Each Home Cell has 15 members; once they pass that they split and form another cell. One Saturday a month they have a church workday, where everyone comes to paint, construct, trim hedges, clean or something to benefit the church property. Indeed they are investing sweat equity in their church. The church that was under 100 is now over 500 and has planted 8 new churches.

Each Home Cell has started it's own Micro-Finance business. Its members can get a loan to help pay for their children's school fees, start a business or some other worthy cause. This has help lift many of them out of poverty and dependency on others.

The church has bought a couple more partials of land and is building a primary school. A few years ago they had 24 students in a daily nursery school now they are over 200 in Primary 1-5.

A few years ago the Government tried to close them down, saying they didn't need a church there and the community wasn't benefiting from them. How things have changed. They have started 8 new churches, donate clothes to the needy regularly and are cleaning up the community. Those same Government officials that wanted to close them are offering the Government office buildings and their homes to help house visiting Pastor as they attend Seminars in their church.

Thank you Lord



Here are some pictures we took along the way...

Amanda being swamped by Masai women trying to make a sale.



Becky enjoying the kids, this one has a pillow dress



This is Roger who claimed to be a non-kid person, I guess someone forgot to tell these kids.

