



Eglise Presybterienne au Rwanda (EPR) Gitarama Presbytery

NEWSLETTER NO 10

**I HAVE COME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE, AND THAT THEY MAY
HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY (JOHN 10,10B)**



CONSECRATION OF NEW PASTORS

During the 6th evangelical campaign of the Presbyterian Church in Rwanda held in Gitarama presbytery at Muhanga stadium, eight pastors were consecrated. The main theme of that convocation was taken from John 10:10b *“But I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”*

Every year, the Presbyterian Church in Rwanda organizes such gathering in one of its presbyteries. Thus, from 8th to 12th August 2018, more than 3000 people from all seven presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in Rwanda and from abroad (Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania, USA and the Netherlands) met at Muhanga Stadium (Gitarama presbytery) for worshipping God, discussing different topics related to the aforementioned theme and praying for better life in all dimensions (spiritually, socially, economically and politically).

On 8th August, the convocation started with the retreat of pastors and evangelists. On 9th August, was the retreat of church elders and deacons (committees) from more than 180 parishes and sub-parishes of the Presbyterian Church in Rwanda. From 10th to 12th August, was the evangelical campaign with different teachings, preaching, songs and exhibition of different activities of the Presbyterian Church in Rwanda. The convocation was closed on Sunday 12th August by the ceremony of consecrating new Church Ministers.



PASTORAL CONSECRATION OF NAOME MUKAMBABAZI (12/08/2018)

THE VISIT OF REV. DR DONALD WILSON TO GITARAMA PRESBYTERY

From September 27 to October 3, 2018, Gitarama Presbytery welcomed the visitors from the Presbytery of Kiskiminetas, namely Rev. Dr Donald Wilson (The General Presbyter of Kiskiminetas Presbytery), Mrs Betty Grunstra (Brookville Presbyterian church) and Mrs Nathalie Jworskyj (Boiling Springs Presbyterian Church).

The visitors had good moments in Gitarama Presbytery where they visited different sister chapels, some families and Gisozi Genocide memorial. They also met the Partnership Committee of Gitarama Presbytery to discuss partnership priorities hierarchically listed below:

1. Communication, exchange of visitors, and sharing prayer requests
2. Church construction (roofs, parking, rain water harvesting, complete renovation or starting new buildings)
3. Social assistance (Health insurance, tuition fees for lay people and church ministers, housing, food, school uniform)
3. Income generating projects (livestock, agriculture, Bika 100 / Save 100, guest houses and other similar projects)
5. Water and sanitation (Water supply, restrooms in rural areas, solar energy, Biogas)
6. Empowering women and youth initiatives (Training, youth camping, musical instruments, English clubs, Sunday school materials, women and youth projects)

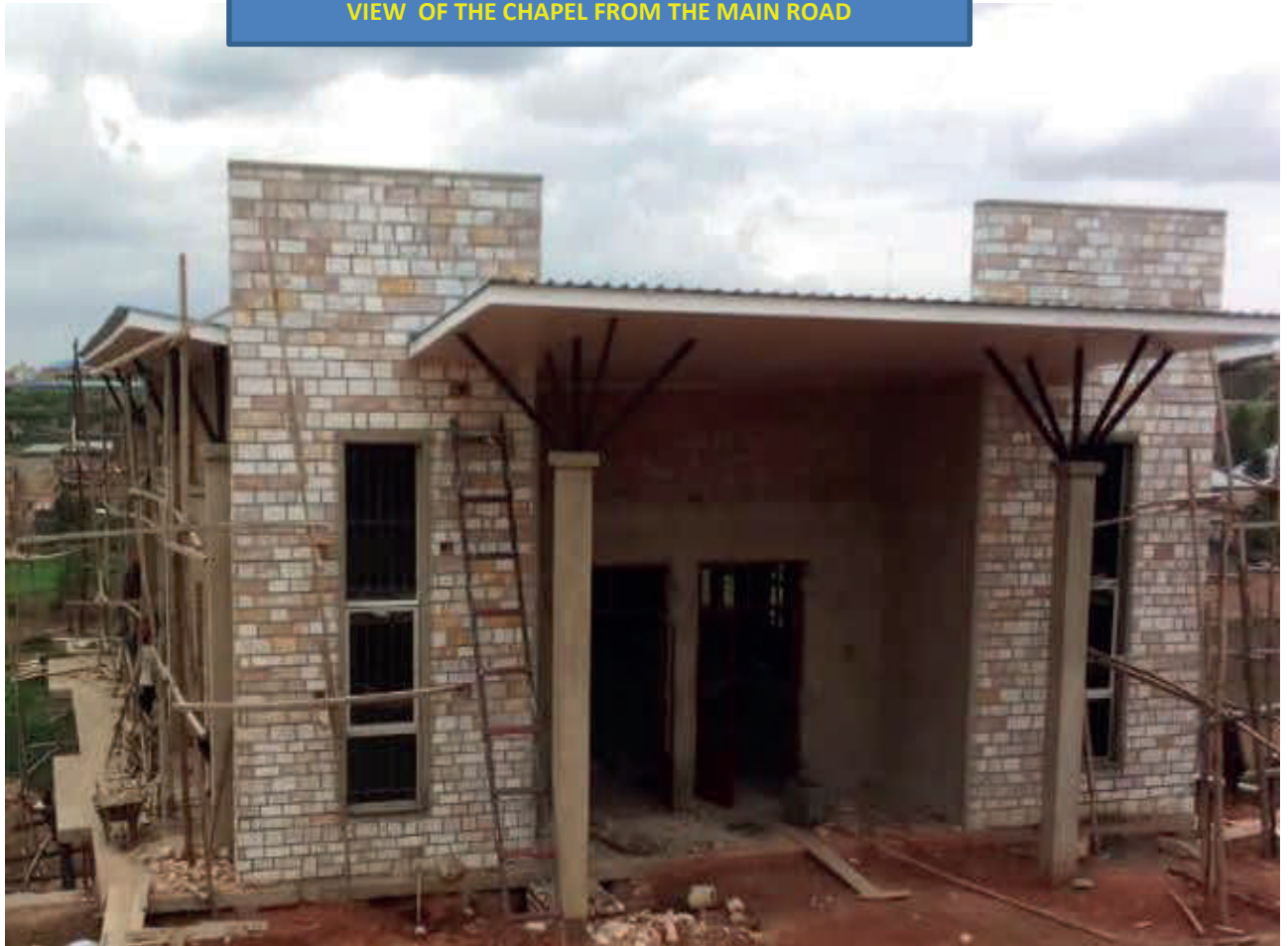


As far as the construction of churches is concerned, Gitarama Presbytery is facing the challenge of meeting the standards fixed by the Government of Rwanda. A number of churches have been closed. Church members who do not have a neighboring church to arrange two services in the same sanctuary do not attend the Sunday service. Some of them stay in their respective homes while others may organize community works on Sundays to meet as church and to renovate their respective buildings.

The ongoing construction of English chapel, offices and classrooms is going on well. By the end of October, the main building will have been completed.

We will only be searching some money to put tiles in the sanctuary, building external restrooms, fence and outdoor kitchen.

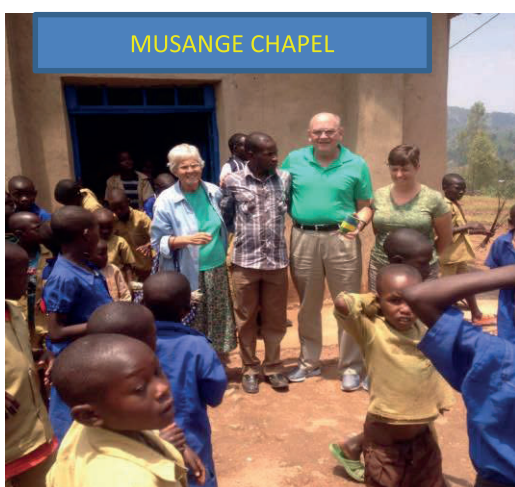
VIEW OF THE CHAPEL FROM THE MAIN ROAD



THE ENTIRE BUILDING (CLASSROOMS IN THE BASEMENT & THE CHAPEL ON THE GROUND LEVEL)



OTHER PICTURES WHICH SHOW THE VISIT





THE 5TH PARTNERSHIP SUNDAY AT MATYAZO SUB-PARISH

Gitarama Presbytery and the Presbytery of Kiskiminetas celebrate the partnership Sunday each third Sunday of September.

Even though the 5th Partnership Sunday was scheduled for September 16th, 2018, Matyazo sub-Parish anticipated the celebration to be with the delegation from Kiskiminetas Presbytery (particularly with Nathalie from Boiling Springs Presbyterian Church, the sister church of Matyazo) on 2nd September 2018. This annual partnership Sunday was held in the sanctuary of Butare Parish because the worship area for Matyazo church has been closed.

The service followed the liturgy prepared by the partnership committee of Gitarama Presbytery. The preacher of the day was Rev. Dr. Donald Wilson, the General Presbyter of Kiskiminetas presbytery. He preached on John 10: 10-17. We have been requested to be sources of abundant life for us and for others. Below are some pictures for the Partnership Sunday.



OTHER PARISHES CELEBRATED THE PARTNERSHIP SUNDAY ON 16/09/2018





KABADAHA PARISH PRAYING FOR THEIR SISTER CHURCH ON 16/09/2018

TOPICS FOR INTERCESSIONS

1. We pray for the Church in PCUSA for their statistical and spiritual growth
2. We pray for peaceful elections in the USA
3. Let's pray for the ongoing construction of churches in Gitarama Presbytery
4. Let us continue to pray for different countries going through violent conflicts
5. Keep on praying for ongoing partnership projects between Kiskiminetas and Gitarama Presbytery to make the Kingdom of God shining in the World