



*“Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of the mind, examining the Scriptures daily, whether these things were so. Many of them therefore believed” (Acts 17:11-12a).*

**From a report by our Burundi director Mathias of May 2018**

After our brother and international Adullam director had visited the Ugandan and Kenyan students earlier this year to encourage them and to give them their certificate, he arrived here in Burundi on De 14<sup>h</sup> May 2018. Obtaining a visa was laborious. Normally he got the visa on presentation of an invitation letter from the police hospital director Michel, but because there was another immigration officer many problems started.

Therefore, our brother had to travel on the day of departing to the embassy in The Haye, where a visa would then be provided. However, the ambassador was not informed of his visit, so there was no visa ready. During the interview, she understood what our brother was doing in Burundi, the ambassador gave the visa. Because of this misunderstanding a very constructive WhatsApp chat started with her and her family in Bujumbura, what offered us a lot of opportunities to visit the Congolese refugee camps easily. As a result of this friendly visit our brother was allowed to speak at a meeting in The Hague where he shared the restoration work of Nehemiah with many Burundians, dignitaries and embassy staff on this 56<sup>th</sup> Burundi independence celebration.



**COUNSELING SEMINARS AT THE HOME CHURCH IN KANYOSHA BUJUMBURA**

On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in the newly planted home Church in Kanyosha, the good topic was taught about the United Body of Christ. Brother Beekhuizen as main speaker and guest gave the example of how all the parts of the Body works as an united body, each part of the Body needs other ones. We understood that how it can work for us when we all as members of one Body are focusing our mind and spirit not on one another, but on the Head of the Body, Jesus Christ. Eph. 1:22,23; Dan. 7:13-15. The Government closed those home churches for a while till some new constructions were made according the Governments standards.

We have found three explanations concerning the Body of Christ;

1. The revelation of believers sealed with God’s Spirit (Eph. 1:23; Acts. 2; 1 Thess. 4 )
2. The Body of Christ includes all believers on earth after Pentecost (1 Cor 12:13-25)
3. All individual believers (1 Cor. 1:2; 12:27)



The second day was on Tuesday, with as topic the sufferings of Job. He was righteous in the eyes of God (Job 1:8). But we know that the Bible says that no one is right and perfect. We are only justified by God by grace, not by our own work or words. Job discovered later that he made a mistake in his mind that he was right, but he was not, except that he was justified but God only (Job 42:1-6).

On the 3rd day the topic was about making disciples. The Church is not a house of stone, made by men, but a House or Temple with living stones, built by God. But the believers who are gathered to the Lord’s Name make other disciples by giving their testimony about the Lord Jesus and His Word, led by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the topic of making disciples was very interesting and helpful to all the church members of this Home church. During the teachings, attendees were able to ask many questions for more understanding of how to make disciples in a friendly and Biblical way.

## COUNSELING SEMINARS AT THE HOME CHURCHES KIMENYI AND RUTAMBWE

The Kimenyi and Rutambwe area are rural areas in the Burundi hills. Many of the small villages are difficult to reach because of the bad roads. The people in those areas are living in a very difficult situation of life but the real need is lacking the true Gospel. This very important need is the need to find an answer how to be saved for eternity. By true Gospel preaching the people can be saved spiritually. The Seminars were given in this rural area in two full days. The topics were the true Church as House of God, the Church as a living Body and the Church and evangelization. The participants during the seminars were so interested because they asked many different questions for more understanding. The pastors of the local Churches who took part in the seminars testified how they were helped and requested more teachings to be taught in those areas.

## COUNSELING SEMINARS IN POLICE AND ARMY CAMPS



The 4th day, the seminars were held in the Army camp called MUHA, one of the special camps for commando units. Officers in Police and in Army were invited for counselling seminars with the topic about the leadership.

We have learned that true and powerful leadership has all about to do with spiritual humbleness (Mat. 8:5-13; Numbers 14:38).

### Leadership is:

1. Taking care for those who are lower in position than you, believing in the healing power of Jesus (Mat.8:6).
2. Experiencing a Prayer life being guided by Gods Spirit and Word (John 14:16-18; 26; 16:8-15).
3. Believe God and His promises (James 1:5-8; 5:14,15)
4. Having also a natural authority (1 Pet. 5:1-4)

### Luke 3:14

1. Serve not for salary,
2. Use not your authority in a wrong way
3. Accuse not a person for nothing
4. Be honest, do not take bribe.
5. Be content with what you get.

In the study room where more than 40 police men and army who were following the counseling teachings. Arriving there, we were welcomed first in the office of the police officer who is a police Doctor of the hospital.

He testified and recognized the positive impact of the counseling teachings we brought in that center. He told us also that they were expecting satisfactory results (or fruits) of the counseling in the daily activities of the center. The police officer Dr. Michael was very thankful for the teachings and was praising God seeing in the study room of counseling many police men and women attend the teachings

The teachings were gone very well, and the attendees were very interested. Dr. Michel promised that once the team of police men and police women who are following the counseling teachings will finish, he will do his best so that this counseling course can be enlarged in different police camps and centers in the country. This because he understands very well the immense importance of the counseling courses in the sector, especially to win Souls for the Lord Jesus.

During the celebration in The Hague of the 56-year independence of Burundi, after the speech of the ambassador, all attendees were informed about these Adullam counseling activities and were ask to pray for their country.



## COUNSELING SEMINARS AT MUSASA, BWAGIRIZA REFUGEE CAMPS

We went at Musasa refugees camp and Bwagiriza refugees camp. The Musasa camp has now more 7000 people, living in a very sad situation where many lost their parents, brothers and sisters, children, and relatives. Counseling teachings are given there to comfort them from their loneliness. We found the same situation in the Bwagiriza refugees' camp, where people sometimes lived for more than 12 years. Many of them are desperate because of the hard and different situations they faced.



We went there to encourage them through our counseling seminars. Different topics were taught such as: rejection, forgiveness, conflict management and other important lessons. Many refugees are regular following the teaching, and some will be graduated soon. The graduated students testified how much the counseling teachings were helpful to them and in their lives. After teachings in the seminars, brother Cornelis Beekhuizen has visited in the hospital the wife of the senior pastor of the church we have in the camp to organize those special seminars for his local church members.

## VISITING THE ADULLAM ANIMALS PROJECTS



This project of breeding domestic animals such as rabbits, chickens and pigs help us mightily, so that Mathias can help 21 orphans who come every day for lunch, paying their school fee and other needs, especially when they fall sick. Brother Director Kees visited also the farm Mathias has in Bujumbura town and in countryside. Brother Beekhuizen from Holland encouraged us to keep going on of hard working so that the self-support project can become a real help for the expanded counseling work, the family and the orphans to survive.

## SEMINARS AND GRADUATIONS IN UGANDA AND KENYA

In the time Margreet felt sick I had to cancel all my programs in Africa. But our co-workers took over my task and gave to 385 people seminars about the topics of prayer, Christian responsibilities, forgiveness and confessing, leadership, how to preach the Gospel, peacemaking, conflict solving, how to start a home church and true Biblical unity. 41 students received their counseling certificates.

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- We thank the Lord Jesus that the Government gave permission to re-open the 3 Burundi home churches.
- We give thanks for the recovering of Margreet after her releasing of the hospital.

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