



Christian Prayer Ministries Burundi News Letter

In October of this year we took a team of four C.P.M. Ministers to Burundi to minister to sixteen church leaders at the invitation of Harvest For Christ. The course was held in the Swedish Mission



in Bujumbura, the capital of Burundi. We were made to feel very welcome and were hosted by Alison Gill, a missionary from England who works with Harvest For

Christ.

We spent two days doing teaching and having workshops, where people could ask lots of questions, and then we prayed with people over the next four days. When all the prayer ministry appointments had been completed we held a follow up day where we talked about the importance of walking out your healing, and then looked at how the ministry could be taken further in a country like Burundi which has suffered such poverty and many deaths due

to war. It is still an unsafe part of the world and very much needs our prayers.



The people we prayed with were real men and women of God and received the ministry with such joy. We were very humbled. Their lives were transformed and here are just a few of their comments:

“ I’m a new woman.”

“Now I know there is more than just salvation at the cross.”

“I have never shared things before, I feel much lighter”

“I have shared with my wife and it has improved our communication. There have been many benefits already!”

Although we worked very hard for most of the time, there was opportunity to do other things.

Hugh and Elizabeth went in search of the President of Football Burundi and gave her some football kit which had been donated from Birmingham F.A. We were taken to her house by a taxi driver who drove like Lewis Hamilton over roads which resembled one big, deep, pothole. It was a very bumpy experience!



Later on, while Chas, Diana and Elizabeth sat on the shore of Lake Tanganyika Hugh went with one of the leaders we ministered to, Isaac, to a football match. Isaac helps run the Football Reconciliation Association which helps bring warring tribes together.



Here is Hugh, surrounded by a group of young football fans who kept pinching him to see what a

“Muzungu” felt like. “Muzungu” is the word for “white man”.

On Sunday we went to different churches and experienced Burundian worship. It was wonderful.

Chas preached the word in one of them and it was translated into Kirundi, the local language. Here is one of the churches we went to.





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Here are Hugh, Cyrille (one of the church leaders), Chas, Diana and Elizabeth sitting outside the Swedish Mission early on the first morning of the course.



These are some of the course members arriving at the centre.



These are the two football teams that were playing in the reconciliation football match. The pitch was very uneven with long grass in some places and bald patches in another.

The President of Burundi is a Christian and has two football teams. One of them is called Halleluiah and the other one is named Hosanna.



Here are some local school children rushing out to greet us. Primary children go to school in the morning or the afternoon and it is free. Secondary education is costly so not many people have the opportunity to be educated past the age of ten.