

## Rwanda Mission Report (July 12, 2018) by Msn Daniel Yang

**Key Verse Mt 28:19-20: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”**

Thank God for the wonderful and beautiful work of God among Rwandan students! Thank you so much for your persistent prayers and caring love for God’s work in Rwanda!

### I. God blesses our fishing ministry (Inviting new students to Jesus and 1:1 Bible study)

In John 21:15, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” Based on this word of Jesus, we learned that feeding Jesus’ sheep is one of the best ways to love Jesus truly. Early June 2017, long 4 months summer vacation started. Most of Bible students went home. Instead of despairing, we found that all the medical students would stay one more month in the campus. So, on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017, God led me to study the above Great Commission, Mt 28:19-20 with Hodal and James. Jesus said in Mt 28:18-19, **“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” “Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations.”** Right after studying this Great Commission of Jesus, three of us **went** to the medical school. That day, God moved the hearts of 25 medical students to write their full names and correct phone numbers. Since then, when we need new Bible students, after earnest prayer, our coworkers went to campus and invited students to Jesus and Bible study. Within one hour, 20 or 30 students give us their correct names and phone numbers. This has been a beautiful tradition of Rwandan students! Thank God for blessing our invitation (fishing) ministry! Students are poor but pure in heart for Jesus and his words!

### II. God blesses our 1:1 and group Bible study

In verse 19, Jesus said, **“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations.”** Jesus also said in verse 20a, **“and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”** Based on these words of Jesus, from the beginning, God helped me and Msn Deborah to invite students to the weekly **1:1 Bible study** and to encourage them to **become disciples of Jesus**. By God’s grace, Rwandan students really like **UBF’s unique 1:1 Bible study, testimony writing and discipleship** which no Rwandan churches provide. On some days, Msn Deborah and I individually serve 7 Bible students a day and over 25 Bible students a week. **What a precious blessing** that an old couple can **serve the precious students** of Rwandan National University, **as much as you want!** Thank God that now many Rwandan shepherds take care of students!

Rwandan students also really like our conference style Bible workshop! Last January, nearly 30 students joined 2 weeks of intensive Mark’s Gospel study. We called it Disciples Workshop! From 6 am till 10 pm, the students devoted themselves to study and write Bible testimonies every day for 2 weeks. Even more amazing thing is that the two weeks workshop was led by native leaders, while Msn Deborah and I visited US. Through the Disciples Workshop, about 12 students accepted Jesus’ calling to live as the disciples of Jesus, based on Mark 3:14. Two months ago, right after their final exams were over, we had Genesis Workshop (from chapter 1 to 11). According to the different schedules of final exams, we had 3 sessions of Genesis study with 35 students, each session had seven consecutive days. For an example, 21 students participated in Genesis study in Kigali, the capital city. Many of them came at 6:30 am and stayed until evening time. One engineering student, named Dan was deeply moved by Genesis study,

and accepted God's calling for campus 1:1 and discipleship ministry. As Jesus' birth divided world history to BC and AD, according to Brother Dan, BG (before Genesis study) and AG (after Genesis study) made a big difference. Paul is a Freshman at the Medical School. He has been faithful to 1:1 and SWS. After one week of Genesis Bible study, he really wanted to be baptized in UBF. So, he was baptized by Sh. Spurgeon Lee (from Jongro 2). After the baptism, we prayed for him to become a student missionary in Turkey, since he will leave for Turkey in August, with a full scholarship for 6 years medical study there. During the Genesis study, Msn Deborah gave a special lecture about importance of having Daily Bread as daily spiritual life line. All the students really liked it since they all have to do DB when they are alone at their parents' home during long vacation. Among them, God has worked greatly in the heart of Junmo Kwon, a short term student missionary from IIT. According to his mission report, this 4 weeks of short mission trip became a turning point of his spiritual life. Before the mission trip, his life goal was to make a lot of money. Now his goal of life has been changed to live for the glory of God, by serving God's mission with first priority. He decided to do Daily Bread faithfully and he set a goal to study medicine for God's glory and mission. His story is a good example on how the short term mission and long term/silver mission can work together to obey Jesus' Great Commission of world mission. Thank and praise God for blessing our Bible study ministry in Rwanda!

### III. Prayer Topics for raising up committed disciples of Jesus.

In 20a, Jesus said, **"and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."** We realized that teaching alone is not that hard. But **teaching them to obey the words of Jesus** is really hard. So we sincerely and earnestly pray that the 12 faithful students may write sincere and prayerful Bible testimonies and make their best efforts to obey what they learn from Jesus' words. Secondly, we pray that God may send us many new Freshmen students to Jesus and to weekly 1:1 Bible study in October. We also pray that many of them to come and join our Sunday Worship Service and grow as Jesus' disciples.

**Faithful and growing shepherds: Sh. Hodal, Felicien, James, Emmy, Emmanuel, Patrick, Sam, Seth, Cynthia, Janet, Joseph, Thamal, Thedophile, Hamis and Theoneste.**