



Burundi in central Africa 2022



Blessed beyond what we could ever imagine in Burundi!

Thank YOU once again for your prayers and support!

Our main purpose and our passion on this mission trip is to teach the pastors, train our team for upcoming disasters, and most of all come alongside the local church and assist them reaching the lost in their communities by providing medical care.

Foursquare Disaster Relief Medical partners with Foursquare National leaders who recruit local medical providers, translators and pastors to help with the medical needs of the communities they serve. Our team consisted of 4 nurses, 1 Dr. From the DRC, 1 pastor and my hubby the logistician/security/and finances officer.



We were asked by the National Leader Pastor Serges to come ahead of time and provide leadership training for his pastors.

Before sharing our needs to anyone, God Provided in a big way. We wanted to bring materials and bibles for the pastor's conference. In addition to this we were asked to provide housing and meals for 3 days. Pastor Serges estimated the cost for the conference and bibles would be 3,000 dollars.

We told him we would pray for God's

provision. Soon after this we visited my mother. One of her dear widow friends, not knowing our needs, came over and gave us a check for 3,000 dollars. One of the biggest blessings was to watch the pastors receive a study bible in their own language. This bible would have taken them 5 months of wages to purchase. We would love to buy more for the pastors whenever we return. The rest of the pastors received material in French and English from Foursquare Missions Press. Dr. Steve Schell, Dr. Jerry Stott, Pastor Ben Dixon, and Dr. Leslie Keegel were some authors.

For an African nation, Burundi has really been hit hard with the pandemic and left many people in more desperate circumstance than before. They are in the top 5 of the poorest nations per capita in the world.



We saw very little traffic since gas was 22 dollars a gallon. Plus, there were very few gas stations opened and people had to sleep in their cars for at least a day to get in line for gas. Pastor Serges had to arrange the purchase of gas ahead of time for the 3 vehicles that would transport us and the team of medical volunteers.

After our conference, our team joined us and traveled to the village of Ceru where we did our clinic for 3 days. This area does not have any health care for 25,000 people, so you can imagine how desperate people would be to come to the clinic for free healthcare and medicine.

It is amazing how many people walked for miles to wait to see a Dr. Not one car was to be seen. At least 1000 were waiting for us when we arrived in the morning.



We were blessed to have 5 local doctors who handled the sick. Our Team just did the triage and provided medicines. Conducting this big of endeavor has many working parts. It reminds me of the verse in the Bible that says we are all important working parts of the body of Christ. Romans 12: 4-5. It was the same for this medical clinic. We had over 60 pastors who accompanied us to work as security, cooks, runners, water boys, cleaners, interpreters and ministers to the crowds during the hours of waiting to see the doctors. They were amazing help in the help they provided.



The Security team helped us immensely as we were passing out 200 tickets a day for registration to see the doctors. Only the very sickest were able to get a ticket. It got kind of dicey at times. The people were desperate to have the doctors see them. Security would help us leave (escape) when the crowds started to push their way towards us.

We also spent 4 days working at Hope Foursquare clinic in the village of

Masanganzira. The facility and the leadership were impeccable. It was a joy to work with the medical staff.

Our heart LEAPS for joy at the people who came to Christ at the outreaches. Many came to the Lord while watching the Jesus Film being shown in their language as they waited for treatment. We lost count after 700 cards were filled out to pursue a walk with Christ. Many were healed also! The local pastors assisted in the important part of discipling those who made a decision for Christ.



Keith did an amazing job procuring meds and food. It wasn't an easy task hunting meds down and finding enough food to feed the pastors and us.

The last Sunday we were there, the team shared words of encouragement and Keith preached to a crowd of 6,000+. Some of them climbed the trees to see and hear better. At the end of the Sunday service one third or more surged forward to follow Jesus and be filled with the Holy Spirit. The service was at least 4 hours long. We had so many groups of Burundians dancing and singing we lost count after 2 hours. Keith's poor head turned redder than a tomato. Good thing, the kitchen at the hotel had vinegar (it really works for sunburns).



I am sure there are some of you who are interested in what we treated. We didn't see any Covid cases. Most of what we saw were parasites, ulcers, diarrhea, PID, infections, fevers, muscle skeletal pain, respiratory, urinary tract infections, anemia, some Malaria and ALL patients were dehydrated!



I worked in pharmacy and filled at least 3300 prescriptions. We treated 1280 patients of which 299 were children. We gave out another 3000 tablets of worm medicine, (Albendazole), for the patients we could not see.

It was amazing to have a doctor in pharmacy and a nurse helping me. They could speak the language and decipher the Burundians doctor's hand writing and French! After filling the prescriptions, we record each person's patient record so we can give an accurate report to the powers at be. So, for a

few days I had to tally them. I am still seeing cross eyed from that job!

We are looking forward to more outreaches and planning our next trip to the South Pacific in October for leadership training. We will be focusing in on family and marriages.

We are also ready to respond with Foursquare Disaster Medical when the need arises Internationally. We continue to order meds and stock our supplies for the next trip. Our garage often times looks like a medical supply house.

Words cannot be enough to express our gratefulness for all of you and your PRAYERS and support!

We are truly privileged to be empowered by you to be HIS hands and feet extended.

Thank YOU! Keith & Cindy

What's Next...

South Pacific: Lord Willing... In October we will go to Papua New Guinea and then to South Korea for the Eastern Conference of Foursquare Churches convention where we will meet with National Leaders and missionaries from all over Asia and the Pacific. While there, we will be meeting with our South Pacific Missionary team to encourage and strategize for new church plants in the region. Finally, to Fiji for more training. Later we would also like to travel to Palau to assist Pastor William Yakumbu from PNG to get settled into new housing and new church property and do some leadership training.

