



## Towards ... a brighter future

One of the realities of student ministry is that every year comes with its own challenges. We always have a new cohort of students joining the university and becoming members of GBU, who are also welcomed by newly elected GBU leaders. This year, we also have new leaders for graduates and NEC. While the newness of the leading teams can be alarming to the conservative among us, it is always an opportunity to, learn from our mistakes, aim higher and try to do better.

*NEC members chatting during the break*



Which is why, GBUR is focused on equipping the new leaders as we step into the new academic year for students, and a new term for all our leaders. "We have just had a leadership training IPRCs. Private Universities and URs will also happen soon. And, a staff from IFES is here to train the recently elected NEC. We thank God, the new leaders bring in a new heart and a great passion for the ministry" -shared *GS Samson*.

## Celebrating the outgoing campus staff

Another byproduct of the new academic year, is the departure of some campus staff in STEM program. As they choose pursue other ministry opportunities. This year, we had to say goodbye to 6 of them. "It has been a great joy to serve with each one of you. We hope you stay connected to GBUR ministry. We thank you for your service. But, we also thank God that you are not leaving behind you vacant posts.

Your brothers and sisters have learned from you and now, 5 of them have already applied to join the STEM program and continue from where you left." -Shared *G.S samson*



*6 outgoing campus staff*

# Equipping student leaders...

After two years of Covid and online training, we thank God that we can now have leadership training in person. Our goal this year is to reestablish our core identity as “a group of students around the Bible.” We are focusing on a few topics that will help participants to faithfully engage the word of God both on their own and together with their respective GBUs.

We thank God it is having an impact on students. -shared Shyaka Alex student ministry coordinator.



“I have enjoyed discovering how blessed I am to delight and meditate on God’s word. I was encouraged to spend more time with God in quiet time.” Shared Mpano Dimith, student from IPRC-Huye. “My plan is to see with my committee how we can train our members to put Christ and his word at the center of our lives and everything we do as GBU.” He added.

## Keep on praying with us...

As we aim higher with the new leadership let us also keep on praying

- For wisdom as these new leaders adjust their lives to serve effectively.
- For fresh graduates joining the STEM program as they mobilize people to partner with them financially. While GBUR raises funds for the ministry, STEM volunteers have to raise funds for their living. It takes boldness and God's favor. Please pray and consider partnering with them in this noble work of discipling students at campus.
- For GBUR, as we organize leadership training for GBU leaders in private Universities in March, and University of Rwanda later. We have to do training by university groups because of their unique context and to avoid big groups due to Covid.
- For GBUR financial partners whose business/jobs are struggling because of Covid.

In Christ,



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