



I allowed Jesus to carry my wounds and burdens...

Participant after an HHTN workshop at UR-Huye on 20-21 April, 2019



These are the words of Esperance a student from University of Rwanda Nyarugenge Campus after a healing workshop organized at GBUR office on 29-31 March, 2019.

After series of Evangelism Training in March, April was marked by series of HHTN workshops. HHTN stands for **Healing the Hearts Transforming Nations**. It is an improved version of what was formerly known as HVEC. HHTN is organized in partnership with Rabagirana ministries. They happened On 29-31 March at GBUR office, 1-2 April at UNIK, 19-21 April at UR-Huye and at UR-Nyagatare on 26-28 April.

Participants' testimonies

After the training at GBUR office, Esperance a student from UR-Nyarugenge campus shared: "I am glad I attended this workshop. I was invited by a friend. I can assure you that I come out of this workshop different. I was touched by the lessons, especially, the cross workshop. I allowed Jesus to carry my wounds and my burdens as I wrote them down and surrendered them to him. I had a family of nine people. Seven of them were killed during the genocide against Tutsi in 1994. I remained with one brother. We were raised in many different families. They wronged us to the extent that somebody could wrong me and I just keep inside and

say nothing. All that hurt was stored in my heart. In my family we had time to share our stories. It helped but I did not heal me. It was in this workshop that I discovered what hurt me most. What burdened me most was the lack of love, deprived rights, hurts from friends and family. I have surrendered all my hurts and burden to God and now I am free. I pray that these training will reach more people like me."



"I am Eugene Rwubaka. I am from Rutsiro district. My

parents are survivors of the genocide perpetrated against Tutsi in 1994. I loved this training because through it I identified some of my wounds caused by Genocide. I have also able to express my feelings to my fellow hutus and I was able to listen to them. I asked them for forgiveness for the hatred I had for them. Now, I feel free from this hurtful history. I thank God for his love, grace, mercy, and forgiveness in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior. It is through him that we can understand true justice, true love and true repentance. I commit myself to love, secure and value my neighbors." —shared a student from UR-Remera.

46 said YES to Jesus through a Basketball tournament

After trainings on Friendship Evangelism in March, GBU-UR-Nyarugenge, in partnership with UR Students Union, organized "Save a Soul" tournament. It was an inter-school basketball competition that was coupled with evangelistic activities.



Jacques, the president of GBU, explained that while there was preaching sessions during breaks and in-between games, the main focus was on the one-on-one evangelism that was done by GBU members among the spectators. He said "Our members, did not just sit and watch the game. They seized every opportunity to engage the spectators with the gospel one-on-one." This was confirmed by Lecturers who watched these games. One of them shared, "These students are extremely strategic. We thought we had come for the game but they did not hesitate to approach us and ask challenging questions about what we believe. They surely preached to us in secret."

In his speech on the closing day, the dean of students saluted this initiative and requested that they make more initiatives like this one. He said "why can't you organize more things like this one, things that engage the whole school? If you prepare something like this, you can be sure of our support."



The president of GBU preaching to spectators



Sharing the gospel one-on-one among spectators

Missions

To raise the awareness for the need to share the gospel in a cross-cultural context, GBUs from Kigali organized "Mission overnight" on April 26. While GBU Busogo had dedicated the weekend of 19-21 April to missions.

Mission weekend at Busogo



Kigali Region Mission Overnight

On Friday 26th April, GBUs from the central region have organized an overnight session that brought together students from all GBUs in Kigali in order to learn about missions, hear from missionary who get the call for mission through GBU, and to pray for the unreached people. Commenting on this event, Theoneste, student ministry coordinator said "This was a good Initiative. It is encouraging to see about 300 students come together for a 'Mission overnight'. Participants have been exposed to cross-cultural missions. My prayer is that there will be more initiatives like this in the future."



Discipleship

Impact of Small groups of discipleship at UR-Nyagatare

A student shared "Before Mission awareness, I use to think that mission is something done only by white people. I thought that no African can be a missionary. I also thought that white people are the only ones to support missionaries. I never thought I can go for the gospel... But, through Noblesse's testimony and how God used him in Laarim people; God is working on my fears and I feel a burden for the unreached people group." – Gloire Ngirisoko year 3 Agriculture.

"We had multiple opportunities to discuss about Missions and the Church. Through their own testimonies, Noblesse and Muzuri helped students to understand how one can be involved in the great commission where he is." Julienne, a campus in the northern region, explained.



Students from UR-Nyagatare campus praying together in a small group

Reflecting on her experience in small groups of discipleship, Muhoza Georinah, a student at UR-Nyagatare shared "Through discipleship, I have got learned the assurance of salvation. Before discipleship, I lived my life trying to convince God that I deserve eternal life in heaven and it was so disappointing to always fail. I use to measure the good things I was doing and conclude that if I die I would not go to heaven. That was so frustrating and disappointing. Thank God, through discipleship group I have realized that in Christ, I am already seated in heaven spiritually (Eph. 2:6). I have also learned that, God knows what's best and right for me. Therefore, I should live not for myself but for God. This have strengthened my relationship with God."

As we conclude this brief newsletter

We want to salute the partnership that you, members of GBUR family graduates and students, have shown on Friday 12th April, 2019 as we come together to remember our fellow members and leaders who were killed in the genocide perpetrated against Tutsi in 1994. May the Lord our God bless you abundantly.

We continue to give all the credit, glory, and praise to our Lord God almighty for all these and much more that could not be mentioned here.

Furthermore, we are also thankful for the continuous prayer and support of our esteemed graduates. May God bless you.

Keep Giving, Praying, and Making disciples of Jesus Christ.

