



I have nothing better to tell except the good news...



These are the words of Nzayihimbaza Merveille, a student from University of Rwanda Huye Campus, 5 days after a training on Friendship Evangelism.

After series of Discipleship Training Program at the end of the semester one, the beginning of Semester two was marked by trainings on Friendship evangelism in different regions. South-west on 8-10/3, Central, North and East on 15-17/3.

The impact of Friendship Evangelism training

202 students were trained. The trainings incorporated practical sessions where participants had to go out and preach the gospel at the campus and come back and share. These outreaches led to 75 people accepting Christ as Lord and savior.

Onesphore, a campus staff in East reported that in East "61 participated in the training, after the training all went for outreach and 148 were reached: 126 students, 10 security guards and 12 construction workers. Among them 39 said yes to Jesus." Samuel, a campus staff who facilitated in the Northern region shared "it was a great surprise to hear someone who has been preaching in GBU for almost a whole year saying it was their first time to share the gospel with someone."

Participant's testimony

Nzayihimbaza Melveille shared "In this training, I have learned that I have nothing better to tell people apart from the good news. Before this training, I thought it is not possible to go to someone just like that and start sharing the gospel without shame. With the training, God showed me that it is possible. I was scared but I went and shared. I had even forgot what I had thought I would say. But, God gave me something to say. Surprisingly, the person decided to accept Christ. I realized it is not about me or what I say. It is the Holy Spirit who convinces. With the training, I found courage to share the gospel. On March 13th, On my way to Muhanga, I managed to share the gospel with the people we were sitting together in a bus. I could not have done this before." ▼



Small groups are the backbone of student ministry and leadership development program.

In GBUR, small groups are the first place where biblical truth are deepened. Small groups being formed by about 7 people each, they also give more opportunities to exercise and develop leadership skills than any other ministry structure.

After a cell leaders' training at KCT, a student shared: "I am UMUTESI Mable. In this cell leaders' training, I have learnt the qualities, values and behaviors of a cell leader. I have learned how to collaborate and relate with cell members. Now I know how I prepare myself for a cell meeting. I am going to use this to lead well my cell. Thanks." -UMUTESI is a cell leader in GBU-IPRC Kigali.

"Being part of a small group of Bible study has helped me to understand the message of the book of Roman. The way of salvation is to believe in Jesus. That is enough to save me from the wrath of God and it does not depend on my good works. When I am in Christ there is no condemnation. And, I have also come to be convinced that cheating in class is a sin and I have started to avoid it." – shared Gasasira Fred a student from ULK.



On this photo, Enos Tumusime (2nd from left), our staff in a part of Eastern province is meeting with a small group of students from UR-Rwamagana.

Furthermore, different leadership trainings were organized in different GBUs. They target the extended committee and potential small group leaders. After a leadership training at ULK Gisozi on 24th February, 2019; Uwimana Esther, vice-president of GBU-ULK evening, shared: "Today, I have learnt about a servant leader. The difference between servant leader and other is that a servant leader works for the development of the people she leads. He sacrifices for their welfare and their spiritual Growth. Servant leadership has many profits and great Impacts to the life of the leader and the people she is leading. From this training, as the vice president of GBU, I am going to pray for GBU members, train myself to be a servant leader through reading books and studying the Bible about servant leaders like Jesus, Paul and Moses. I have to lead in humility, listening to my people's opinions and concern."

Discipleship

While seeking to nurture GBU members into mature disciples who live a life based on Biblical values and principles, Discipleship Training programs (DTP) are the starting point. DTP covers the basics of the Christian life and spiritual disciplines.

DTP Huye



After a DTP at UR-Huye, Uwineza Grace shared: *"I have always thought that God had forgiven my sins. I never realized that for my forgiveness to happen it required someone, Jesus the innocent, to take the punishment I deserved. Knowing this truth, what can I not do for this person and for the world to know this truth?"*



Students of East African University Nyagatare in a Discipleship Training

HHTN workshop at ICK

HHTN stands for Healing the Hearts Transforming the Nations. It is an improved version of healing trainings known as HWEC. It was organized on 16 and 17 March in partnership with Rabagirana ministries (formerly known as Mercy ministries). *"Before this training, I never thought I can go to someone I have offended and apologize. I have always believed that going to God is enough. Thank God now I know better. I have also learned to not judge the group based on the mistake of one member of that group."* –shared Umuhozo Louise ICK. ▼ Participants after the workshop



As we conclude this brief newsletter

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.

Special thanks to the whole GBUR staff team and Associate Training Secretaries. None of these could have been possible without your hard work.

What's next?

The ministry continues. Please keep praying, giving and going!

Very specifically, on **Friday 12th April, 2019**, all of GBUR family will come together to remember our fellow members and leaders who were killed in the genocide perpetrated against the Tutsi in 1994. Don't miss!

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5-8PM @ GBUR office - Kacyiru