

Venita's Updates from

Feb/March 2024

Month three in Rwanda has come and gone. It's true that time flies when you're having fun. Yes, it's been fun serving God in Rwanda and trusting God that every new adventure and every new encounter is an opportunity to share Jesus with others. I accepted the command to go teach and preach. I'm anticipating a harvest of souls.

Bible Teaching

- I had the privilege to teach the Sunday morning Bible Class at UPCR twice this month. During each lesson, I emphasized how to be born again as many have not yet obeyed the gospel. It's evident week after week that people are understanding more and eager to learn more. We are expecting a great outpouring of the Holy Ghost.
- I continue to teach Bible Study to my language teacher, Caritas, and her sister, Ejidia. Ejidia is now attending weekly English class and prayer at UPCR with me.
- DayStar started weekly chapel services this month. I'm thankful to have attended each Friday. I had the opportunity to lead prayer, teach new songs and teach a Bible lesson. Adjusting to having chapel, we're noticing more participation from both staff and students. In fact, God's presence met with us in such a sweet way last Friday, the leaders and students experienced lingering in God's presence.



We started basic conversational English classes this month. Starting with a bang around 200 people came to register for classes, some were placed on a waiting list. Although the goal is for students to learn English, more importantly we want our students to have an encounter with God during our sessions. Our theme verse is Daniel 1:17, *God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom.* We're trusting God to increase English skills and draw our students closer to Him.

English Classes



DayStar Nursery and Primary School

I started coaching school leaders and providing Professional Development with teachers this month. We kicked off our work together by completing a SWOT Analysis with the leaders and teachers. The leaders took that information to establish priorities and goals around Academics, Culture and Religious Studies. Both the leaders and the teachers have eagerly embraced professional growth and we're already seeing growth.



Peace Corps Connection

Prior to coming to Rwanda a friend in the US connected me with his friend Kathy, who is serving in the Peace Corps in the village of Kayonza about an hour from Kigali. We finally met in person this month. As we started talking, Kathy felt the need to tell me that she uses profanity. I said ok and continued our conversation. When I started to share my story, Kathy felt the need to tell me that she was agnostic. I said ok, you believe what you believe and I believe what I believe, this is my story. As I talked, God's presence met with us. Kathy mentioned that she felt something. I knew what it was even though she didn't (not yet). We enjoyed our visit and Kathy invited me to visit her in the village. Of course, as God leads, I'll go for a visit. I can't wait for Kathy to get to know Jesus! Interestingly, Kathy only said one curse word during our time together.



Bride2Rwanda Update

This month, I was invited to attend a planning session with Bridge2Rwanda, the program that partners with the Minister of Education. The meeting started with prayer as 14 leaders, between the ages of 25 and 30 gathered to update, celebrate, and develop their specific initiatives. I've been invited to meet with two of the directors to discuss a possible partnership with the team.