International Presbytery's Mission Project 2020 Rabagirana Ministries in Rwanda

About Rabagirana Ministries:

www.rabagirana.org

Video about the work of the organization: <u>https://vimeo.com/272590231</u> Invisible Scars short documentary: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KujNBm-MylY</u>

"Our passion is to see Rwanda become a model of lasting peace, unity and light to the nations to the glory of God. (Isaiah 60:3) We help people find new freedom and hope through our healing and reconciliation programs. We strengthen peace through facilitating reconciled people to find creative solutions to their common challenges through community development initiatives. We sustain community progress through developing responsible and mature leaders through running our servant leadership programs."

Rabagirana Ministries is focusing on three things: Reconciliation trainings and workshops, Community Development, and Leadership Development.



The local team

Support from the International Presbytery:

Support from the IP would contribute to the ongoing building project of Rabagirana Ministries. They are building a residential building to provide more accommodation for trainings and a multi-purpose hall (for weddings and events) as an income generation project.

The next step in the building process are the installation of windows and doors (4000 USD) and then the plastering of the big hall and electric installation (6000 USD).

Now the windows and doors. We have to raise \$4000 for these 2 steps. Then we a big leap of another \$6000 for plastering the big hall, electric installation and usabability



St. Columba's Church of Scotland in Budapest has already contributed 320 USD to the work of Rabagirana. Szabina Sztojka, the Student Associate Minister of St. Columba took the donation when she participated at the International School of Reconciliation in February 2020. The donation covered the participation fee of a Rwandan participant. There were 30 participants from over 15 countries at the three-week long school in Rwanda.



Testimonies from the International School of Reconciliation:

"I have more hope that the Church has a significant role to play in reconciliation throughout the world. I'm excited to play a part in that."

"There is a passion growing in my heart everyday about reaching out to the wounded and bring healing through the message of forgiveness and taking all the pain to Jesus on the cross."

"My attitude toward a tribe called Murle in South Sudan, I hated them but that has changed now."

"God changed my life in this workshop to be somebody who can be able to forgive others." "I have forgiven my father for divorcing my mum and for committing genocide. Now I can stand in the gap and ask for forgiveness to the people on his behalf."

"It's been hard for me to change my attitude towards my mother because I felt like how she treated me tormented me. After the cross workshop, I forgave her and I do want to work towards reconciliation with her."