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# Gisenyi, Rwanda - August, 2021

## Beyond Amazing!

This is a little longer than our normal email, but I think you'll find the testimonies of the Pastors (at the bottom) very encouraging!



## Thanks for your Prayer & Financial Support

The trip to Rwanda was beyond amazing! I was alone in Gisenyi and taught Biblical Counseling Part 2 that Connie and I wrote. I shared how we can help people with God's Spirit and God's Word to overcome emotional issues (anxiety, anger, depression), life dominating sins (drug addiction, alcoholism, pornography) and relational issues (communication, conflict resolution, forgiveness). In addition, the Holy Spirit led me to address areas I hadn't planned to cover. It turned out that these unearthed some pain and sin. God spoke in a powerful way to these leaders.



One of the most powerful times in our class was giving them time to role play, so they could practice working in a counseling environment. This gave them great confidence that they could actually do this! Training 40 hours in one week was exhausting, but it was so worth it to see the impact it had on these students.



## Testimonies from Students

“I can’t find how to express my joy after studying this course. I was really blessed, and I am thanking God on how He cares about us. (Pastors and church leaders). This course on Biblical counseling, came at the right moment; people in these days are struggling with world’s problems. People are struggling with depression, and it was really hard for me to help people coming to me. People are fearful, with sorrows, and some full of anger. I learned how to receive them, listen to them and help them with their difficulties.”

“This course helped me a lot. I have been blessed to learn how I can be a good counselor. I found I must first be growing if I am to help others grow - Roman 12:1-2”

“I thank the Lord for this course that came at the right time. I learned many things but there are two main points that I found very useful to me: First learning to Walk by the Spirit. Second, how with God’s Spirit and God’s Word to help people who are suffering with different problems.”

“I learned how to help people who are struggling with alcoholism, and I feel ready to help them. I’ve learned that we are on a journey and we need each other for encouragement and strength on that journey.”

“I learned that when counseling others, my goal is to help them to become more like Jesus Christ. As they change, they will be able to have a greater influence on the people and circumstances around them.”

“It was a wonderful moment to be with an experienced, teacher during this week, and from him received many lessons. The week passed so fast, and everybody was keen to learn.”

“Before coming to this course, I could never ask forgiveness of my wife or children. I believed they would lose respect for me. I learned that humbling myself stirs greater joy in my family and that they will respect me even more.”

**I hope these have been encouraging to you. Because of your prayer**

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