

ACHIEVEMENTS AND



Vision

Our passion is to see Rwanda become a source of lasting peace, unity and light for the nations, to the glory of God.

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn." – Isaiah 60 1-3

Mission

We believe that healed hearts result in transformed nations. We help mend the social fabric through healing and reconciliation programs. We encourage former enemies to become partners who seek creative solutions to their common challenges. As the wounded healers get involved holistically into their communities and nations, we weave servant leadership in their initiatives. We formulate models that are availed for those in nations that have suffered major societal breakdowns to copy and contextualize.



Unity sign photo during International Reconciliation Forum 2015.
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Amahoro choir, one of the best in Kigali, participating in memorial night at Solace Ministries as one of unity and reconciliation tool, organized by MMI in partnership with local churches

Farewell to Mercy Ministries International, Welcome Rabagirana Ministries

- Rabagirana Ministries is now legally registered as a local NGO operating in Rwanda;
- A Bible school with 50 students about to graduate in certificate and Associate Degree;
- Different healing and reconciliation events to support the local government during the commemoration of the genocide against the Tutsi;
- 200 High School students completed Youth camps addressing the culture of peace, learning entrepreneurship, entrench Rwandan values, fight drugs, educating on HIV and AIDS;
- 30 youth dropout helped gain marketable skills through vocational training
- 150 women helped to connect to income generating schemes
- Conference for 200 pastors to help the church become more community focused;



Past Joseph Nyamutera, Founder of Rabagirana Ministries together with the staff in community development activities. Improved stoves and gardening program are some of their performed activities.

Future project

- RSIM (Rabagirana Bible School of Integral Mission): strengthening and expanding the ministry of the Bible school and increase outreach to churches through conference and seminars;
- ISOR (International School of Reconciliation): sustaining the International School of Reconciliation for national and international reconciliation practitioners
- Prayer for the nation altar
- Reconciliation tours, research,...
- Reconciliation Lighthouse: Operate a center for reconciliation
- Professional enhancement: Career center, Skills development, guidance and internship opportunity
- Leadership Development: Debriefing, consulting, focused retreat, conferences, couples,...

-Community outreach:

Encourage the church to contribute to the contract of performance 'Imihigo' Library, Languages and IT, recreation, support to community initiatives,...

ACCOMPLISHMENTS.



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General Background

Rwanda has faced the obscurity of the genocide against the Tutsi in 1994. Different organizations contributed to the healing and reconciliation process using different methods.

Testimonies of healed hearts, restored communities, poor who were uplifted collected from individuals, beneficiaries, church leaders and local government officials who have benefited from different programs constitute evidence of the significant impact of the work. Mercy Ministries has accomplished in Rwanda and later in the Great Lakes region.

Mercy Ministries International is about to close as an implementing agency though will continue as an international partner to the region. Welcome to Rabagirana Ministries, a local organization with similar vision and mission but with a more permanent, local flavor. This organization will sustain the accomplishment of MMI and initiate new projects.



Photo taken while in artists training about their involvement in peacebuilding through arts.

What Mercy Ministries has been doing in Rwanda?

From 2000, MMI has been operating in Rwanda and in the Great Lakes Region funding local agencies.

Since 2007, the organization has been running different reconciliation projects in Rwanda and neighboring countries, and community development initiatives mainly in Rubavu and Gasabo districts.

MMI could reach more than 2 million Rwandans and people in the region with the message of reconciliation and could train more than 15,000 leaders in schools, churches and communities to spread healing and reconciliation through songs, conferences, workshops, games, sports and artistic displays. MMI also trained and supported communities in reducing poverty, tackling social issues.

Examples: Bye bye Nyakatsi, build latrines, plant trees, build improved stoves, improve hygiene, form and support cooperatives, ... MMI received recognition and high level appreciation by both local leaders, government and church

Introduce Rabagirana Ministries

Rabagirana Ministries is not a church and is not affiliated to any denomination. Some will rightly call us an interdenominational para-church organization. It is rather a local NGO that was launched in 2014 by Rwandan Christians from all strata of the national fabric to consolidate the accomplishments gathered during the Rwandan recovery into an infrastructure of peace.

The aim is to shift healing and reconciliation from project into a stable sum of testimonies, approaches, artistic displays that will minister to generations of Rwandans but also foreigners who are asking 'How could Rwanda do it?' RM is based in Gataraga Cell, Masaka Sector, Kicukiro District.

We intend to reach out to leaders (church, local government, youth, women), providing them with relevant training, resources, high quality services to become agents of holistic transformation. Though our main emphasis is Healing and Reconciliation that brings durable peace, we also strongly believe sustainable Shalom can only be achieved if we address the challenge of poverty and governance.

Rabagirana Ministries intends to become a World Class Reconciliation Center with a collection of testimonies, symbols, a database of all reconciliation partners, books, researches and a path with stations describing the journey of healing at individual and national level. RM dreams to attract nation the Light of Rwanda (Isaiah 60:3).



Photo taken in International Reconciliation Forum in community development activities in Ndera sector.

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- BAHO
- Anglican Church of Rwanda (EAR)
- Windham Presbyterian Church
- First Presbyterian, Bellevue
- We are One Ministries
- Micah Network
- God Cares
- Healing of Nations
- Windham Presbyterian church
- Golden Presbyterian, New Hampshire
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