

RWANDA

The ministry of OAC covers the breadth of Africa, ranging from Kenya in the east, to the Congo in the west, via Uganda and Rwanda! After several years of ministry trips by our former OAC International President, Robert Siakimotu (OAC New Zealand), God opened the door for us to establish an ongoing work in this country of Rwanda. Here is how it happened.

Mpore Jean d'Amour (we call him Jean) is Rwandeze but was born in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). He is married to Esther (affectionately referred to as "Queen Esther") and in August 2019, Esther gave birth to a son whom they named Arlo Jayden.

Jean found out about the work of Open Air Campaigners in 2014 as a student at the Rwanda University Mission. While there, he became a leader in the Christian student group on campus and a member of a committee that organized a mission outreach. Robert Siakimotu from New Zealand was the OAC man in charge of that outreach. He introduced Jean to many useful ways of sharing the Gospel, including the chemical cross and sketchboard. Jean soon obtained some of these tools and began using them in evangelism.



LAIISA SIAKIMOTU (RIGHT) SHOWING ESTHER (JEAN'S WIFE) HOW TO SHARE THE GOSPEL USING VISUAL OBJECT LESSON



JEAN SHARING THE GOSPEL AT BOARDING SECONDARY SCHOOL



A FILM MEETING NEAR NYAMATA TOWN CENTER IN JUNE 2019 - ROBERT SIAKIMOTU PREACHED AND JEAN TRANSLATED

He soon wanted to know more about OAC; an appointment took place with Robert, who kindly shared with Jean all about the mission of OAC and how Jean's gift of evangelism could be used within this organization in spreading the Gospel to lost people. Robert recommended that Jean participate in one of the OAC times of training, and so the Lord laid it on his heart to pursue this.



ROBERT SIAKIMOTU IN A REMOTE VILLAGE

Here is what happened next in Jean's own words. "In 2016, there was a training session planned in Kenya, and I was happy to travel there to take part in these sessions. At this time of training, I met David Wilson from the USA and Rob George from Australia and several of the Kenya staff. They taught me many useful principles of evangelism during the three weeks we had together, and at the end of this time, David Wilson even gave me a sketchboard as a gift to help in my ministry. God had confirmed that this was the method of evangelism for me, and OAC was the mission He wanted me to join.



ROBERT S AT NYAMATA SCHOOL

When I returned to Rwanda, we started the long process of government-required registration to establish OAC Rwanda. In 2019, approval was granted; we were officially registered with the country as an approved and recognized mission."



ROBERT S AT BOARDING SCHOOL EVENING ASSEMBLY SERVICE

The ministry in Rwanda is busy and varied, with outreach to children being a major aspect. However, ministry also includes clubs, special activities with sports, and sharing the Gospel in the school system. Jean, Esther, and their volunteer team are using gospel films to reach many people in the villages with the news of salvation. Jean speaks in churches and supports various local church planters by using his volunteer team. They work very closely with the local pastors to plant house churches, which work well as follow-up vehicles for the people who come to Christ in their open-air film meetings. They use other tools of



TEACHING IN THE OPEN AIR IS A GREAT BLESSING, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT CAN BE DONE AS A TEAM, WHICH OFTEN HAPPENS IN OAC RWANDA



CHEMICAL CROSS LESSON



USING A BALL TO ILLUSTRATE TRUTH

evangelism with fruitful results. On one occasion, Jean spoke in a church, using the chemical cross illustration, and eleven people gave their lives to the Lord!

One of the requirements placed upon OAC Rwanda by the government is that they must provide practical help to poor people in the villages and rural areas. Jean and his volunteer team are doing this by helping the village people build unique kitchen gardens to help plant food for their personal use. Helping in this way opens up many opportunities for sharing the Gospel. OAC Rwanda is taking the Gospel to villages, schools, and communities where there are no churches for many miles and where no others are going. They are trusting God to raise needed resources at the time of this writing to purchase a reliable four-wheel-drive vehicle.



PRIMARY SCHOOL OUTREACH



USING THE JESUS FILM IN A VILLAGE



ROBERT & JEAN AT SCHOOL



RUNNING A HOLIDAY PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN



OAC RWANDA VOLUNTEER WORKERS



GOVERNMENT SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - A LOCAL PASTOR AND HIS TEAM FOLLOWED UP