

Chapter 34

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 the country of Rwanda. Here is how it happened.



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

Mpore Jean d'Amour (we call him Jean) is Rwandese 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 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. 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



JEAN SHARING THE GOSPEL AT BOARDING SECONDARY SCHOOL

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. 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, Rob George from Australia, and several of the



ROBERT SIAKIMOTU IN A REMOTE VILLAGE



MANY SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES TAKE PLACE REGULARLY

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.

“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.”

In December of 2023, Jean and Esther moved to Germany but the work continues in Rwanda through our new director, Gilbert Rwanyange and his team. All of the staff team are involved in evangelism and include his wife, Umutesi Aime Alice (administrator and treasurer), Uwase Fiona (outreach coordinator), Tuyimire Gloire

(legal representative), Dusabe Justine (vice-legal representative). Ministry advisors include Gahigana Patric and Hatsindukuri Ngabo Placide.

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. gospel films are used to reach many people in the



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villages with the news of salvation. Our staff work closely with 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. OAC Rwanda is also taking the gospel to villages, schools, and communities where there are no churches for many miles and where no others are going.



RWANYANGE GILBERT AT THE BOARD



USING THE JESUS FILM IN A VILLAGE



ROBERT & JEAN AT SCHOOL



**RWANYANGE USING THE
CHEMICAL CROSS**



**FILM MEETING IN THE
OPEN AIR**



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