



*"Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day" (Psalm 91:1,5)*

Dear mission- and prayer partners,

When I arrived at the airport in Bujumbura, I was met by our Burundi coordinator Mathias accompanied by some counselling students, security guard and the director of the police hospital with their students. Especially during the uncertain political situation, I experienced the fulfilment of Psalm 91 as I arrived in the midst of the days where grenades and bullets were flying around.

Together with the Officer of Security and the Director of the Police hospital I was escorted to a heavily guarded Mission Hotel. We were invited to visit the Police Hospital early the next morning. Dozens of police officers there were waiting to hear the sharing of Gods' Word. Every day the Director of the hospital organised morning devotions. Now we were able to fill in and we shared about the grace of God and the swift return of Lord Jesus in a time which looks a lot like the times of Noah and Lot... We shared about Gods' patience and His forgiveness in Love which the Lord Jesus showed on the cross. We encouraged the wounded police officers who came in during the restraining of the uprising with the same message



One officer was hit by a shrapnel during the riot and lost his sight. After sharing the Gospel, he repented and received the Lord Jesus as his Saviour. He testified that the eyes of his conscience were opened and that he knew he was saved. A representative of the Burundi Administration, who had attended the earlier given counselling lesson, suggested extending the course to other Police centres. He advised the police officers to attend the complete course

Another counselling student, a believer who assisted the Director of the hospital, was kidnapped and was badly mistreated. It is not known if he is still alive at this moment. This brother in the Lord has a very good testimony and many refer to him as a dedicated Christian. Unfortunately, we were forced to cancel some scheduled lessons as heavy fighting continued around the Mission Hotel. The streets were barricaded and we were not allowed to leave the premises. The rebels tried to secure 4 militia camps that are located in this area. Many people died, civilian too who were thought to be collaborating with the rebels.

It was a miracle that the wedding of Mathias and Maria Esperance was able to be conducted in the days that followed. Hundreds of guest attended and the benediction of the church was possible. Many invitees heard the message from the bible about the marriage ordinance and the application of the relationship of Christ and His Church.



On the 16th of December we were able to travel again and visit the Musasa refugee camps where 6700 Congolese refugees live. They experience the content of the courses as very encouraging and many attended the seminars in the just rebuild camp church.

The refugees also have built an Adullam Office with two consulting rooms and a large waiting room where we were able to address leaders and speak about the imminent rapture of the church. For many this was an encouraging message especially in their current circumstances.



The Sewing Machines that were left after our last visit have given some income to the widows and handicapped. One of the refugees is successfully operating the machines although he is deformed on both feet. He now can meet the needs for his family with a small income.

Because of the insecure and instable situation, we were asked by the Dutch Consultancy and the VN to leave the camp earlier than planned. But on return to Bujumbura we were invited by the Major. He was impressed that I had come to Burundi despite the situation. He promised all collaboration to continue the work of the Adullam Foundation and advised to involve more young people in the counselling work and teach them the Christian values and norms. Because of the continued violence their norms have faded, strengthened by the large unemployment rates.

On the last day of our visit the counselling students associated with Mathias asked to hear more about the message of the soon occurrence of the rapture of born again believers. We were able to meet in the large and safe new home of Mathias and Maria. This rental house has enough room for the students to meet and accommodate dozens of orphans that Maria and Mathias supply twice a day with a meal.



After this last seminar Mathias and Maria prepared a large farewell meal for us all. The next day I was escorted by Mathias, our security guard and the Director of the Police Hospital to the airport. On Sunday morning I arrived at Schiphol where an Adullam fellow worker brought me to our local fellowship in Barneveld. There I joined the congregation in thanking the Lord Jesus for His sacrifice and His safe keeping during the dangerous travels in Burundi. I look back on this journey with gratitude as I experienced once again Gods' guidance and safe keeping.

Thank God for:

- The continuation of the spreading of Gods Word
- The conversion of the wounded police officer
- The safety during the shootings.
- The rental house of Matthias and Maria
- The blessed marriage confirmation

Pray for:

- Peace in Burundi and wisdom for the government
- Continuation of the Bible- and Counselling courses.
- Healing for the wounded polices Officers
- The liberation of the kidnapped officer
- A blessing upon the Marriage and Ministry of Mathias and Maria



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