

The nice looking initial plans and pictures that Hudal and Adelite have provided should be sufficient for Bp. Denis to take to the city and show progress, and hopefully get a building permit.

St. John's EOC in Kigali - Just a short note to say that on the last day we were there I met with most of the St. John's EOC leaders gathered together in Bp. Denis' office. I had requested the meeting, having been, I believed, prompted by the Lord to exhort and encourage them as St. Paul did when he went back and visited churches he had previously established. I felt compelled to encourage them regarding some of the assaults and tricks of the devil especially as a church gets past the initial honeymoon stage, about the importance of staying close and accountable to each other, about perseverance, and about Paul's exhortation to take heed both to themselves and to the flock - for the evil one destroys churches through both of those avenues. I encouraged them to continually stoke the flame of love that is already so evident among them, not failing, on the one hand, to cover each others' shame, and, on the other hand, to confront each other when they see danger lurking. I talked about church structure, the eastern Christian view of authority, and the importance of having good checks and balances in place both for pastoral issues and for finances. I don't remember all that I said, but I felt a special anointing from the Lord, which was confirmed later by their responses and comments. I am very encouraged by their humble and teachable hearts, and their willingness to listen to counsel. May the Lord richly bless them for their faithfulness!

## BURUNDI

The second weekend we were there morning by bus and six hours or so met by Bp. Telesphore. There was whether we would even be able to go soon to take place had heightened the Bp. Telesphore the day before, we still not completely convinced, so he bodyguards! We were able to get but never unaccompanied, and not far



we spent in Burundi. We left on a Friday later we were in Bujumbura, Burundi and some concern and uncertainty as to over there, since the presidential elections security there. But, having checked with were given the green light. Bp. Denis was brought two men with us to serve as our around a few places while we were there, from home base.

St. Andrew's EOC and Parable Ministries Transitions - It was difficult to tell exactly what the status is of the main church, St. Andrew's, and the other churches that have been part of Parable Ministries. As best I could tell, their progress into fully functioning EOC churches is slowly moving forward. The church there is in very capable hands as they have many very good men, such as Bp. Telesphore, Fr. Severin, and others. At the Sunday service, which took place in a fellowship chapel owned by the Catholic Church, I gave the homily and ordained 4 new deacons. These are all good and faithful men - Paul, Tharcisse, Eduard, and Nathanael. There were many people at the service who were family or friends of the deacons being ordained, which was good exposure for the church. Bp. Telesphore, of course, is fully capable of ordaining his own deacons, but they consider it an honor for us to do such things when we are there.



Hope Center Orphanage - This orphanage is a joint project between Parable Ministries and an organization from the UK. It currently houses about 45 orphans in three buildings. Work is underway to construct a 4<sup>th</sup> house, which will add 8 more beds. but we taught the children how to hit and gave them some craft and them what to do with them. The and sang and danced for us. The Leonard and his wife, received us from eggs freshly gathered that This orphanage is a great ministry, well funded and supported and not help as some of the other projects in



We didn't have much time there, a baseball, passed out candy, activity materials and showed children gathered on the porch resident caregivers, Pastor warmly and fed us an omelet morning from their chickens. but it seems that it is already as significantly in need of our Burundi and Rwanda.

Health Center - We visited the AMI Health Center of Buringa that was started by newly ordained Dn. Tharcisse and his wife, Imelda. It is in a very poor area and provides healthcare at a reduced rate. There are several small consult rooms, a lab, and, a small pharmacy room, and about 12 beds for patients to stay a night or two. When we were there we saw three patients: an older man with pneumonia, a boy with Malaria, and another man that we didn't get



information on. The facility is very down and operates with out-dated but many in the village would wasn't in place. The staff is on the premises and Fr. Severin asked if I would approve the name "St. Luke's Chapel," since St. Luke was a doctor. This health facility would certainly be another worthy project to raise aid for. In addition to better supplies, equipment, and facilities, they need



Some of the staff at the AMI Health Center of Buringa



The Lab

run equipment and very minimal supplies, receive no healthcare at all if this currently building a small chapel on the would approve the name "St. Luke's This health facility would certainly be for. In addition to better supplies, medications.

New Contact - One additional development in Burundi was my meeting with a former Anglican priest who has been a priest then a bishop in an independent communion of churches in Burundi for several years. For various reasons, especially because of troubling developments with his current affiliation, He is interested in the EOC. I am omitting his name here because there is some potential for harm to him by others in his denomination if they find out prematurely that he is pursuing us. I met with him for about an hour, during which time he asked many questions. He is a godly man, well respected, and has an obvious pastor's heart. At this point in time he will look up our website and become more familiar with the EOC, then contact us through Bp. Telesphore.

As always, our time there was rich, and I am so blessed by what the Lord is doing there - both through us, and mostly in spite of and beyond us, and also in us. Their hearts of compassion, reconciliation, love, forgiveness, and hospitality, and their strong relational approach to everything is certainly a testimony to the Lord's presence and an inspiration to us. May the Lord continue to pour out His abundant grace upon these precious brothers and sisters, who have so little, but who are rich in ways that we often fall short.

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