



Community Bible Study International

“Everyone in the world ... in the Word.”

Rwandan Class Brings AIDS Victims Eternal Hope

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Dear Ministry Partner,

Your support of CBSI is helping us provide a spiritual haven for Rwandans suffering from AIDS. Every member of a CBSI class formed in 2008 is HIV-positive, and though six died last year, all of them had received Christ as their Lord and Savior within the CBSI Bible study. Praise God!



Donat, a member of the Benibyiringiro CBSI class, has come to life-changing faith.

This unique class is part of Benibyiringiro, an alliance of AIDS sufferers, which church people, including CBSI National Director for Rwanda, Pastor Agnes, established in 1999 to comfort the sick. Many of these were women raped during the 1994 genocidal conflict. Rwandans generally feared being tested. Some committed suicide when they learned they were HIV-positive. The afflicted and their families continue to feel sorrow, depression and loneliness, as well as economic hardship.

But God is at work. Benibyiringiro means “those living with hope,” and in CBSI’s *Matthew* study, led by Pastor Agnes, Rwandans are learning of God’s love and truth in their own language and loving it. Because of Benibyiringiro’s positive impact, some have had their blood tested, and many of those who found themselves infected have joined the CBSI study. So far, 124 people are meeting every Wednesday.

In October, when another class member went to be with the Lord, the group brought food to his wife’s home. They comforted her, sang to her and read the Bible with her there. She, too, is infected but has found hope in the Lord.

Nonetheless, many Rwandans are entering eternity without a personal relationship with Christ. How can they know of His love for them unless someone tells them? Christmas brings an opportunity to give the best of all gifts—in Rwanda and elsewhere in the world—the opportunity to know Jesus personally through studying His Word. We treasure you, your prayers and your financial support. Will you continue to help us fulfill our passion for “*Everyone in the world ... in the Word*”?

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