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Burundi Ministry Need: \$ 3,950

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Burundi





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Burundi

General Conference

• Population: 12,191,000

Evangelical Christians: 30%

◆ FM Work Opened: 1935

♦ FM Churches: 865

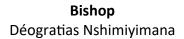
FM Membership: 195,821

Ordained Elders: 476

Conference Ministerial Candidates: 142

• Bishop: Déogratias Nshimiyimana

 Ecclesiastical Accountability: Free Methodist World Conference





Burundi

The Free Methodist Church in Burundi

Origins

In 1935, missionary J.W. Haley opened the work in Equatorial Africa at Muyebe, Burundi. Other missionaries soon joined the Haleys. Hundreds came to the Lord, so that within 20 years Burundi became Free Methodism's largest conference. Tragedy hit the church in 1972 during inter-tribal conflict within the country when many of the church leaders were killed during a retaliatory move against intellectuals and scholars. Another uprising in 1993 caused loss of many members. The church began almost immediately to rebuild and has continued to grow steadily in spite of continuing political unrest. It was given full general conference status in 1999.

Present Ministries

The church ministers to the whole person through medical ministry, public health education, and maternity and nutritional centers. Hope Hospital of Kibuye is highly respected throughout the country. The Mweya Theological Institute and Theological Education by Extension (TEE) provide leadership training for pastors. Hope Africa University (HAU), an FM liberal arts institution, prepares Christian scholars and professionals to effectively apply economic and political principles in African society. Pastors are being trained through HAU at bachelor and certificate levels.

Pray for:

- Hope Africa University and its mission to give liberal-arts training to Africans
- the fruitfulness of training programs in agriculture, animal husbandry and small business
- the development of Christian education materials