

Country Support

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Rwanda 2016 Ministry Need: \$24,350

Funding the **Rwanda Country Support Account (CSA)** will help resource the following people and strategic initiatives:

- spiritual ministry to patients at Kibogora Hospital through Christian literature, home visits and special evangelism weeks, including special speakers and teams. The head chaplain of the hospital, with two other chaplains, oversees this ministry.
- scholarships for pastors attending the Rwanda FMC's university



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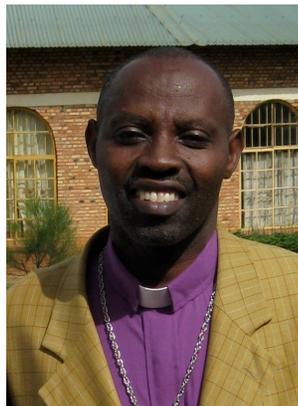


Rwanda

General Conference

- Population: 12,337,138
- Evangelical Christians: 26.9%
- FM Work Opened: 1942
- FM Churches: 667
- FM Membership: 116,248
- Ordained Elders: 248
- Conference Ministerial Candidates: 44
- Bishop: Samuel Kayinamura
- Missionaries: Sheila Etherington (Associate/FMWM), Julie Yerger
- Ecclesiastical Accountability: Free Methodist World Conference

Bishop Samuel Kayinamura



The Free Methodist Church in Rwanda

Origins

Pioneer missionaries Frank and Hazel Adamson, coming from Burundi, established the first Free Methodist mission at Kibogora in 1942. A great revival broke out in the area within a few years, resulting in thousands of conversions. This revival was part of a larger movement known as the East Africa Revival. Medical work and an elementary school opened soon after the first missionaries arrived. Later a Bible school was started. The Rwanda conference developed an aggressive church-planting program and now has churches in every province of the country. In August 1985, Rwanda became a general conference.

In 1994 Rwanda's ethnic conflict erupted in a period of genocide. Missionaries were evacuated. Hundreds of thousands lost their lives. Millions more fled to refugee camps in neighboring countries.

Present Ministries

Medical ministry remains strong with Kibogora Hospital as a primary referral center in southwestern Rwanda. Health care is also provided in neighboring health centers. The church has opened a small university, also in Kibogora, to train pastors and young people in a variety of fields of study.