

Dear members of the partnership committee,

Dear friends of Kiskiminetas Presbytery,

We greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On 31st January 2018, there was the Gitarama Presbytery partnership committee meeting led by Past. Baziruwaha Samuel. The meeting started with a prayer and addressing thanks to God for his protection upon the Gitarama Presbytery President Rev. Celestin during his September 2017 Journey to Kiskiminetas and his 3 months stay in the Netherlands. The participants were pleased to hear that the partnership between Boiling spring Presbyterian Church and Matyazo chapel started.

The committee was also informed about visitors of Kiskiminetas Presbytery from 27 August to 3rd September 2018. The committee proposed the places to visit while in Rwanda including : Matyazo sub-parish, Buha Sub-parish , National museum, Genocide memorials, Nyarubuye chapel, Save chapel, EPR headquarters, the current Gitarama Presbytery offices as well as the new building of offices and English chapel.

The committee decided to celebrate the partnership Sunday on 02 September 2018 at Matyazo sub-parish with the Visitors and on 16th September 2018 in other parishes. On that day there will be in all parishes the basket of fund which will help Ndiza parish to get the roof of their sanctuary under construction. The theme for the 2018 partnership Sunday is found in John 10,10b: ***“I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”***

The Partnership committee appreciated the work done by Kiskiminetas to think on how our people could get clean water through Water 4. They were pleased that Buha were already chosen. Concerning Nyarubuye site, the partnership committee decided to change Nyarubuye to Nyarusange Sub-parish (a former chapel of Gasagara parish known by Rev. Boyd) because of complicated practical modalities at Nyarubuye site.

The committee listed a number of projects that should be completed in 2018, they include: The roof of Nyarubuye chapel (Mpushi), Birembo chapel (Ruhango), Ndiza parish and Kirwa B, the completion of English chapel by July, Ndatumande evangelical campaign (more than 3000 participants from 7-12 August 2018), training of new church elders and deacons to be elected by May 2018, youth camp by July, promoting Sunday school, projects that support widows and single mothers, livestock to poor families, providing school fees and material to poor students; water supply at Buha and Nyarusange (through Water 4). Keep in your prayers some churches that are facing some challenges regarding their infrastructures: Nyakizu sanctuary whose roof was taken by the storms, parishes that need to purchase parcels (Mugombwa, Kabeza, Matyazo, Kabingo) parishes that need to complete their respective manses (Gitwe, Mbazi, Kinazi, Musenyi, Cyegera).

We also take this opportunity to thank God who protected pastors and parishioners during the 23rd January car accident. Only two ladies namely a retired Presbyterian Minister Esther Mukambuguje and Alphonsine (A member of the Pentecostal church) were seriously injured. Many of others resumed the normal course of life.

SOME PICTURES

BIREMBO CHAPEL



Current level of Birembo chapel (in Ruhango)

NDIZA PARISH



Ndiza Parish under construction since 2014

NYAKIZU SUB-PARISH (The roof was destroyed by the wind)

Nyakizu sub- parish

We continue to pray for people of save chapel that they may get a good sanctuary instead of the very old one.



OLD SANCTUARY OF SAVE CHAPEL

The partnership committee closed the meeting by a prayer for unity and peace in Rwanda and in the USA.