



# Eglise Presybtérienne au Rwanda (EPR) Gitarama Presbytery

## NEWSLETTER, NOVEMBER 2020

Gitarama presbytery is committed to publish a monthly newsletter. This newsletter includes sample of everyday's activities and achievements. Then, it helps both members and partners of Gitarama presbytery to have information about Gitarama presbytery on a regular basis. This one of November, 2020 focuses on the following topics:

- Ongoing activities of building a new primary school in Rwamakara parish
- Resumption of worship in additional sanctuaries
- *Launch of youth project at EPR Kabeza sub-parish*
- *Annual evaluation*

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES OF BUILDING A NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL IN RWAMAKARA PARISH

Recently, in partnership with a local **NGO** known on French name "**Bureau sociale**" based in Muhanga district, Gitarama presbytery started to build a new primary school known as "**EP Gitega**" in the land of EPR Rwamakara sub-parish, one of its thirty-nine parishes. For this time, the works progress well and it is about the end. This new school will solve the problem of over population in the surrounding schools and the long walk done by students from home to school. The new school is located in Muhanga district, Rongi sector, Ruhango cell, Burerabana village.



*Figure 1: "EP Gitega" at painting level*

### **RESUMPTION OF WORSHIP IN ADDITIONAL PARISHES**

From March 2020, worship places were closed as a measure of preventing the spread of Corona virus. Later in July, after the government inspection, some worship places were allowed to resume Sunday services only. At the time, only nine parishes of EPR Gitarama Presbytery resumed worships. Later, in October the total number of opened worship places were fourteen. Fortunately, in November, other three additional sanctuaries got the permission of resuming worships. Those congregations are Rukamiro, Ndiza and Narusange. Hence, seventeen parishes out of thirty-nine are allowed to worship.



**Figure 2: First worship at EPR Rukamiro after eight months of lockdown**

### **LAUNCH OF YOUTH PROJECT AT EPR KABEZA SUB-PARISH**

The Presbyterian church of Rwanda, in its mission, tackles on social life of both its followers and Rwandan citizens at large. Following this line, after identifying the problem of early pregnancy and sex based violence in Rwandan youth, it started a

project which intends to shape youth about reproduction health through talks in groups. This project, will operate in twelve parishes of EPR including two parishes of EPR Gitarama presbytery; Mugombwa and Kabeza.

Therefore, On December 2, 2020, EPR Kabeza hosted a launching ceremony of this project. This ceremony was attended by 75 young boys and girls, project managers at EPR central office, Gitarama presbytery staff and the executive secretary of Shyogwe sector.



***Figure 3: Participants seated in EPR Kabeza's sanctuary at the presytery head office.***

### **ANNUAL EVALUATION**

At the beginning of every year, parishes; members of EPR Gitarama presbytery make the annual plans which should be evaluated at the end of every year. It is in this regard that the three teams of two people per each conducted an evaluation in all 39 parishes of EPR Gitarama presbytery. This evaluation started on November 17,2020 and got finished on December 2, 2020. Though the geographical aspect of Gitarama presbytery is not favorable to travel, the teams finished the evaluation safely. The results of this evaluation will be published later.



***Figure 4: Group photo after evaluation at EPR Rutongo parish***



***Figure 5: During evaluation at EPR Gitwe parish***