

**COME
—AND—
REJOICE**
20 years
AFRICA NEW LIFE



**ANNUAL
UPDATE
2021**



Dr. Charles and Florence Mugisha,
Co-Founders of Africa New Life Ministries

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Dear Friends,

In 1995, when I visited Rwanda in the aftermath of the genocide against the Tutsis, my heart was broken. But I sensed God saying, “I’m going to heal this country.” He reminded me of the prophet Nehemiah when he visited the walls of Jerusalem and found them broken and beaten down. I wanted to see the walls rebuilt—lives rebuilt. Like the prophet Ezra, I also wanted to see a temple in the city.

Since then, those two things have become reality. In each community, a healthy and vibrant church meets regularly and connects people to God. The ruins of lives have been rebuilt, and there is stability and progress. Since we laid the foundations for Africa New Life twenty years ago, we have not stopped moving. We have grown from 29 young, sponsored children to 10,500 sponsored students of all ages. From one community to eight. From two of us, my wife and I, to hundreds of staff across Rwanda. We’ve constructed buildings, expanded programs, and been witness to God’s continuing story of redemption for this nation.

Though this past year was fraught with challenges from COVID-19, we have not stopped dreaming for the future. In the next twenty years, I believe God will continue His story of redemption and show us how our foundation as a ministry will play an important role. I believe we’ll see young men and women from Africa New Life taking their faith, skills, and leadership all over the world. **Because when you empower young people to know Christ and to get an education, this is what happens; each one of them takes their individual dream and skills and love of the gospel and moves out to transform their world.** We’re already seeing the beginnings of this movement, and I believe it’s what God has been preparing His people in Rwanda for all along.

In 2021, we are rejoicing over the story of redemption God has written for Rwanda and Africa New Life in the past twenty years and inviting you to look ahead with us in anticipation of what He will do next.

Charles

DR. CHARLES MUGISHA
Co-Founder & President
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2020 FINANCIALS

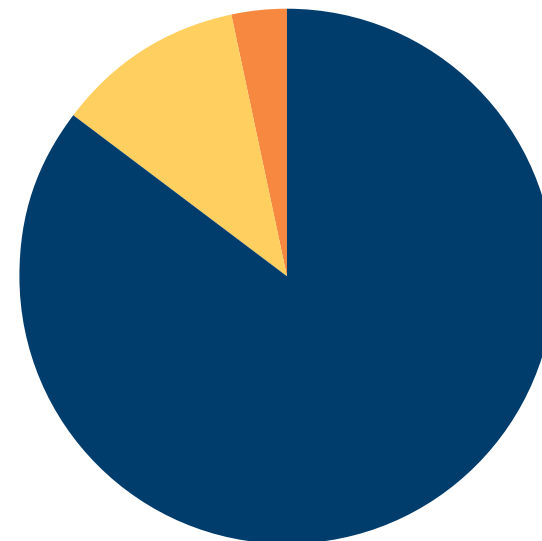
2020 REVENUE

\$11,627,723

2020 EXPENSES

\$11,273,972

EXPENSES BY PERCENTAGE



Program

84.3%

\$9,505,369

Development (fundraising)

11.4%

\$1,281,727

General Administrative

4.3%

\$486,876

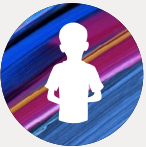


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EDUCATION

This past year, while the vital importance of education to break the cycles of poverty was clearer than ever, our commitment to the 10,500 students in our sponsorship programs took new forms. Our ministry found creative ways to keep education moving forward when schools were closed during COVID-19. Our teachers and staff created and distributed grade-appropriate curriculum booklets to all students, select staff were able to teach over national radio, and students of all ages maintained communication with staff and teachers over WhatsApp.



10,500+ students in preschool through university are currently pursuing education through our programs



550+ post-secondary students are receiving educational support



9,679 educational booklets were distributed to students during COVID-19 school closures

FAITH

Despite widespread church closures during 2020, we made progress on building our first church in the community of Karangazi, where a strong, biblically-trained pastor (Pastor Patrick, pictured above) will continue ministering to local families. Believers in Rwanda who couldn't attend services in person were able to listen to the preaching of Dr. Charles Mugisha through the radio and online live-streaming, and entire communities—even those outside of Africa New Life's programs—were able to receive meals and support from our ministries. Meanwhile, the Africa College of Theology has received accreditation from the Rwandan government at a time when accredited theological training is required for pastors wishing to lead churches across the nation.



370 students, program participants, and parents made decisions for Christ or were baptized



10,000+ listeners tuned in to New Life Bible Church sermons streaming online and through the radio from across Rwanda, Kenya, and Uganda



50,000+ meals were provided in the Kigali area to pastors and their families



HEALTH

Our community nurses and the Dream Medical Center Hospital staff stepped up this year to help provide care and relief in the midst of a global pandemic. It's as though God led the ministry to launch these programs years ago with 2020 in mind! We worked with the government throughout the pandemic to provide COVID-19 testing for individuals and housing for those in isolation, and our Dream Medical Center Hospital staff treated a number of our sponsored students and their families. They also delivered 663 new lives safely into this world!



4,696 students were treated by community nurses



35,656 patients were treated at the Dream Medical Center Hospital



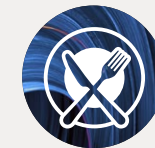
663 babies were born in a safe, clean environment at the Dream Medical Center Hospital



3,600 hours of COVID-19 prevention and sanitation training were offered to program participants

COMMUNITY

We adapted last year when the global pandemic began impacting families across the nation—and across socioeconomic lines—and many found themselves struggling to find income and food. We provided nearly seven million meals' worth of emergency relief bundles to sponsored students and their families, community members connected to our churches across Rwanda, women in our Vocational Sewing Program and Dream Beauty Academy, and more. Women who graduated from our Family Center Sewing Program earned living wages by sewing masks for Africa New Life and their communities! Families in our programs also received regular welfare calls and visits during 2020, as we focused on preserving family wellbeing during an incredibly difficult year.



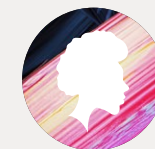
6,884,306 meals were provided through Africa New Life's programs and COVID-19 relief efforts



45,584 face masks were provided to sponsored students and their families



41,817 calls or welfare visits were made to families in our programs during COVID-19 lockdowns



80+ New Life Family Center graduates found employment and increased earnings sewing face masks for their communities

COME AND REJOICE

Twenty years ago, Charles and Florence took the first steps to impact the lives of students facing severe hardships in Rwanda. We recently gathered some of the original staff who were serving Africa New Life as its story began, to where its story began, in Kayonza. Come and rejoice over the many fruits of their hard work!

(Left) Students in Kayonza celebrate their primary and secondary school graduation in March 2019.

(Below, from left to right) John Africa, Specioza Dusabe Mukazaire, Fred Katagwa, Jane Mirembe, Florence Mugisha, Dr. Charles Mugisha, Rebecca Kibalama, and Charles Gashumba—eight of the original Africa New Life Rwanda staff, gathered earlier this year in front of New Life Christian Academy and High School in Kayonza.



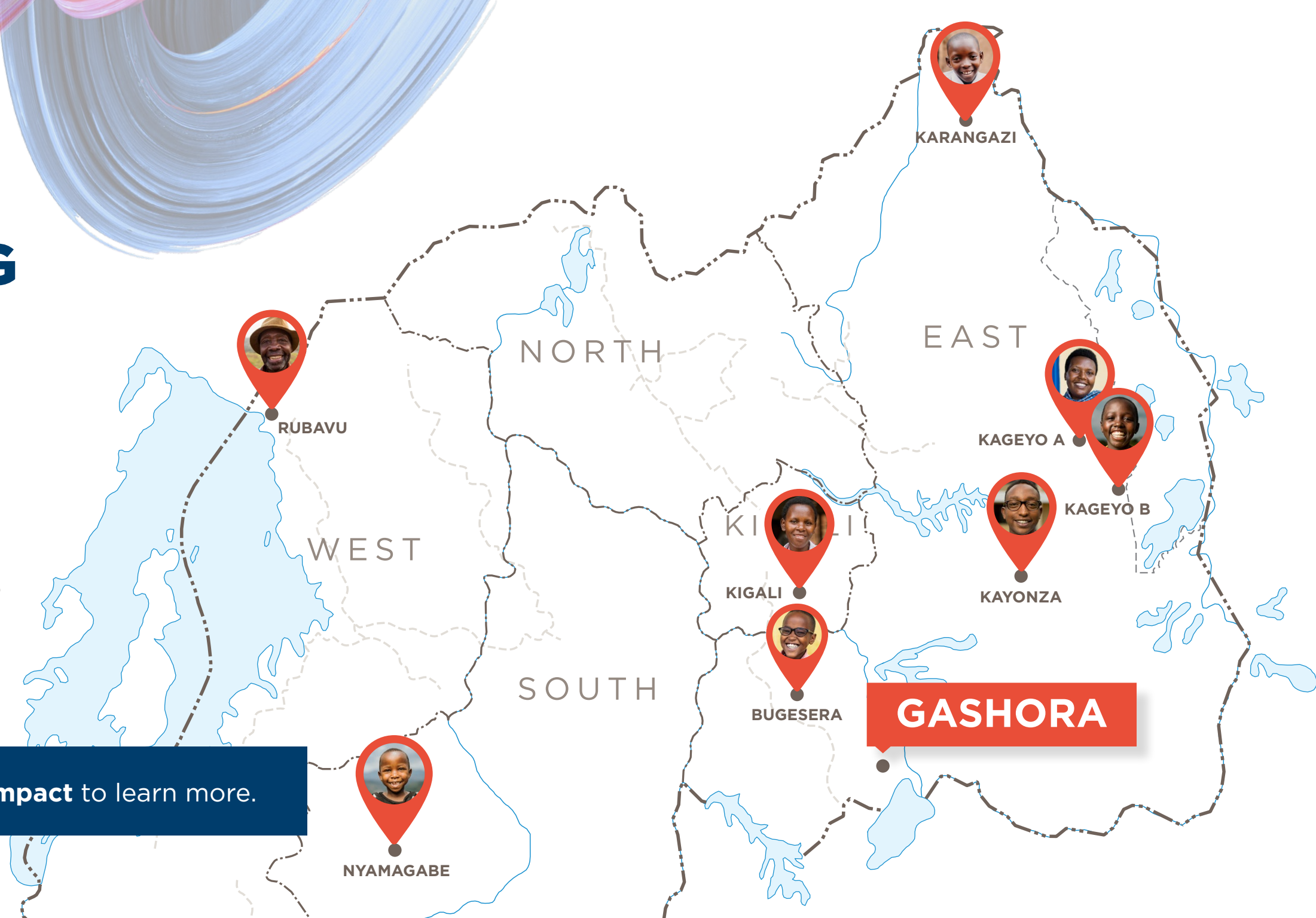
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THIS COMING YEAR...

After seeing the transformational story of Africa New Life unfold over the past twenty years, we feel more compelled than ever to expand into new communities! Come alongside us this year as we move into Gashora, a dry and arid district south of Kigali. You can help support our goals for this community, and for other communities to come, with a gift to our Impact Fund. By giving to the Impact Fund now, you will also be contributing toward building a church in Gashora—a temple in the city! Come alongside the next 20 years of expansion at Africa New Life by partnering with us today in this season of growth!

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