

# UNWAVERING

Annual Report 2025



**Trailblazing Alumni  
Among Rwanda's First  
Female Tour Guides**

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An Update with Pastor  
Fred Karwanyi**

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## Unwavering: A Letter from Pastor Charles

Dear Friends,

Over the years, I have seen what it means to be unwavering—in faith, in commitment, and in the hope we carry for the future of Rwanda. This journey has not been easy, but as a ministry, we have witnessed God’s hand at work through the perseverance of students, families, and communities who refuse to let their circumstances define them.

In moments of struggle, I am reminded of Hebrews 10:23: “Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.” This verse captures the heart of our ministry. Challenges may be significant, but God’s faithfulness is greater. We see it time and again—through the resilience of a mother who sacrifices everything so her children can attend school, through a student who walks miles just for the chance to learn, and through a leader who dedicates their life to serving their community.

Through unwavering faith and generosity, you have helped Africa New Life’s reach grow beyond what we once imagined. More than **18,000 students** have received the gift of education through sponsorship. **Almost 900 pastors** have been trained at the **Africa College of Theology**, equipping them to lead with wisdom and spiritual depth. More than **900 students have earned bachelor’s or master’s degrees**, stepping into careers and ministry opportunities that will shape Rwanda’s future. Since 2014, **920 women have graduated** from our vocational cosmetology and sewing programs, gaining skills to support their families and build businesses. And now for the second time, we have a **cohort of women enrolled in a Life Skills Program in Nyamagabe**, expanding opportunities for economic empowerment and transformation. This last year, Gashora and Nyagatare each welcomed the launch of a New Life Bible Church, broadening our reach and deepening our impact in these growing communities.

We see perseverance at work in Rwanda’s new leaders—our alumni. **Jovia and Justine, two of Rwanda’s first female safari guides**, are leading travelers through the beauty of our nation, inspiring the next generation of young women. Their journeys remind us that when doors open, lives change—not just for individuals, but for families and entire communities.

Through every challenge, God has been faithful. His provision has come through people like you—those who believe in the mission of Africa New Life and give so others may flourish. Because of your partnership, **families are breaking the cycle of poverty, children are receiving an education, and communities are finding hope**. Thank you for standing with us. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to the dreams of students and families in Rwanda.

As we near our **25th year in ministry**, I pray that we will all remain unwavering—standing firm in faith, pressing forward with joy, and trusting in God’s provision.

Thank you for being part of this journey. **Your prayers, generosity, and belief in what is possible for Rwanda are making an eternal impact.**

May we all hold unswervingly to the hope we profess.

In Christ,



**Pastor Charles Mugisha**  
Founder & President  
Africa New Life Ministries

**Dr. Charles Mugisha**  
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## Who We Are

**Rwandan** *led.* **Reconciliation** *focused.* **Relationship** *driven.*



# 2024 Financials

## 2024 Revenue

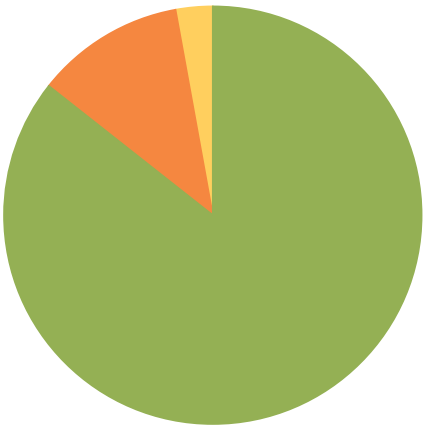
\$15,540,381

## 2024 Expenses

\$15,600,898

### Expenses by Percentage

<b>Program Services</b>	
85.63%	\$13,358,525
<b>Fundraising</b>	
11.52%	\$1,796,505
<b>Management</b>	
2.86%	\$445,868



### Our Mission

Africa New Life Ministries exists to communicate the message of Jesus Christ in word and deed, to Rwanda and all the nations. This ministry will help all peoples to understand the relationship with God available to them through belief in Jesus as Savior.

This will be accomplished by providing access to education, leadership training, and healthcare; through church planting and Christian discipleship; and through holistic care for vulnerable children, and women and men in need.

*All financial figures cited in this document for fiscal year 2024 are unaudited as of press time. Audited numbers will be available in June 2025 at [africanewlife.org](http://africanewlife.org).*

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# UNWAVERING IN THE WILD:

Trailblazing Alumni Among Rwanda's  
First Female Tour Guides



## *Jovia's Story*

Jovia was born in Uganda during the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda. Her grandparents had fled Rwanda in 1959, and her parents struggled to provide for their growing family. For a period, Jovia and her nine siblings lived alone in Uganda, and the burden of responsibility—cooking, cleaning, finding food, and somehow, still trying to go to school—fell to Jovia.

Eventually, Jovia and her siblings reunited with their mother in Kigali, Rwanda. School was a privilege the family could rarely afford, until Jovia and her sister received educational sponsorships from Africa New Life. In addition to an education, Jovia received food and spiritual nourishment—and she thrived.

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*“I went from being nearly last in my class to one of the best students in the country,” she says. “I was determined—I am not going back.”*

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Jovia's academic excellence led her to an elite high school on full sponsorship, and she later attended the University of Kigali through the support of her Africa New Life sponsor. Despite studying business, her heart was drawn to tourism. Now, Jovia has

## ... and she thrived.

eight years of experience as a tour guide. But she dreams of something bigger—a faith-based tourism company called Travel for Jesus. *“I want to take Christians on trips where we can worship, pray, and impact lives,”* she says.

Reflecting on her journey, Jovia sees God’s hand in every step. *“Because someone sponsored me, my life changed—not just mine, but my whole family’s,”* she says. *“My sisters and brothers joined me at New Life Bible Church, and found their faith! My sponsor didn’t just impact me. They impacted generations.”*

She also has one more goal. *“I will go back to Africa New Life and sponsor a child,”* she says. *“Because someone changed my life, and now it’s my turn to change someone else’s.”*

### ***Justine’s Journey***

Justine grew up in Nyagatare, Rwanda, with her mother and younger brother. With no formal education, Justine’s mother struggled to make ends meet, and she worked hard selling clothes and vegetables in the market to support her family.

A sponsorship through another nongovernmental organization allowed Justine to pursue an education and brought her to faith, but despite her academic success, she couldn’t afford college. In 2017, Justine moved to Kigali, taking on odd jobs to help support her brother’s education and ease her mother’s burden. Through it all, Justine never stopped dreaming of going to college.

In 2018, Justine landed a job as a guide with Akagera National Park, where a chance

encounter changed everything. While leading a tour, she met a friend of Africa New Life who was moved by her story and told her about the ministry’s Esther College Scholarship Program. The program helps young women with strong faith, high potential, and financial need attend college.

As an “Esther Scholar,” Justine studied Tourism and Hospitality Management at Mount Kenya University, then expanded her career beyond Akagera, leading tours across Rwanda’s varied landscapes.

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***“I always tell my friends that my best years were during college thanks to Africa New Life,” she says. “I got to study what I love. I gained friends, knowledge, and experience. And I saw God’s hand in it all.”***

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***Right: Justine Muberarugo and Jovia Murungi, two of Rwanda’s first female safari guides, are paving the way for future generations.***







## *Passing the Baton*

**PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT:**

Ake Leon Dylan  
6 years old, **Pre-school**

Iyamuremye Elijah  
6 years old, **Pre-school**

Mugabo Frank  
9 years old, **Primary 4**





Kamugisha David  
14 years old, **Senior 1**

Nizeyimana Robert  
21 years old, **Senior 6**

Byukusenge Theogene  
**Graduated October 5, 2018**



# UNWAVERING IMPACT:

2024 in Numbers



## Educational Sponsorship

Our educational sponsorship program provides vulnerable children in Rwanda with access to education through school fees, scholastic supplies, and support services, empowering them to break free from the cycle of poverty and realize their full potential.



**11,728** students received sponsorship support, opening doors to a brighter future.



**Nearly 900 post-secondary students** pursued university or vocational training.



Since our founding, we've seen **4,563 students** graduate from high school and vocational programs and **923 students** graduate from post-secondary programs.

## Growing Faith

Africa New Life fosters spiritual growth and Christian values within Rwandan communities through planting churches and discipleship programs that equip people to deepen their relationship with God and become influential leaders in church and society.



Over **9,500 people** attend New Life Bible Churches across Rwanda each week.



**898 Pastors, Ministry Leaders, and recent high school graduates** received theological training through Africa College of Theology.



**7,967 people** made decisions for Christ through New Life Bible Churches.



Two churches were launched—one in **Gashora** and another in **Nyagatare**.







## Healthy Body

Africa New Life prioritizes holistic well-being through initiatives that promote physical health and wellness, including providing clean water, nutrition, medical care, and hygiene education.



**102,247 patients** received compassionate medical care at the Dream Medical Center Hospital.



**1,441 babies** were delivered, giving a healthy start to the next generation.



Our partnership with Baylor University saw a **new medical clinic** container completed and shipped to Rwanda.

## Community Development

Our community development initiatives focus on economic empowerment, vocational training, and social support networks, aiming to create sustainable growth and stability in Rwanda.



**5.4+ million meals** were provided through our programs and schools.



**920 women** have graduated from our New Life Women's Development Programs



**9,226 home visits** were conducted by our Child Welfare Officers to care for and support families.





## Empowering Women in Nyamagabe: Life Skills, Savings, and Transformation

Amid the rolling hills of Nyamagabe in the far southwest of Rwanda, women are rewriting their futures. Last year, Africa New Life's Life Skills Program equipped 40 women with vocational skills, tools to start their own businesses, and financial literacy. For many, this opportunity meant the difference between uncertainty and independence.

Before joining the program, many of these women had no reliable way to support themselves. Peace, a 2024 Life Skills graduate, shares that she had to ask neighbors for everything—even basics like salt. Her goal in the program was to gain financial independence. She wanted to start her own business and save part of her income each week. Through the program, she learned how to earn money, manage her budget, and support her family.

*"I never thought I could be in control of my own finances," Peace shares. "But after this training, I know I can work, save, and provide. It has changed my life."* Today, Peace helps provide for her children and no longer feels powerless in managing her household's needs.

A key part of the Life Skills Program is teaching women like Peace how to build savings despite

limited income. Each woman contributes weekly based on her ability, working toward a personal goal. Last year, all participants reached their goals! Together, they invested in livestock and other assets to build lasting income.

Beyond finances, the program fosters personal and spiritual growth. Participants engage in parenting workshops, receive training in family nutrition and sanitation, and take part in discipleship. Empowered with a newfound identity in Christ and with solid life and vocational skills, these women find new strength to create lasting change within their families and communities. For them, this program goes beyond skill-building; it's about restoring dignity, strengthening families, and helping women thrive across generations.

*Peace, a 2024  
Life Skills  
graduate*





# Unwavering Faith in Huye: Pastor Fred's Story

For Pastor Fred Karwanyi, unwavering faith is the kind of faith that does not shake in the face of challenges. *"This is the faith that overcomes,"* he says. *"There are always challenges to our faith, but when we hold fast to the Word of God, we see the results of His promises."*

In the past year, **90 people were baptized** at New Life Bible Church in Huye, publicly declaring their faith in Christ. With more than **500 people attending each Sunday**, the church is a pillar of life for the Huye community—a place of worship, community, and support. Beyond Sunday services, the church continues to serve the community, with youth leading the way. **Local university students, many of whom are sponsored through Africa New Life, have formed the New Life Students Connect Fellowship**—an evangelism group that reaches students on campus. This group is already making an impact, with young people stepping forward to deepen their faith and invite others to know Christ.

But perhaps the most moving testimonies come from those whose lives have been profoundly changed. During a **New Year's crossover night service**, several women stood in front of the congregation to share their stories. Each had struggled with brokenness, addiction, or deep hardship, yet through the power of the Word of God, their lives had changed. *"I trusted God and His Word more than ever that night,"* Pastor Fred recalls. *"Hearing their testimonies strengthened my own faith and renewed my passion for ministry."* These moments are proof that God is at work in Huye.

*"This is the faith  
that overcomes."*

As the church looks ahead, Pastor Fred asks for **prayers and partnership**. His vision is to baptize **600 new believers in the next two years** and to continue expanding the reach of the church through discipleship, mentorship, and service. *"God is using this church to transform lives, and I believe He will do even more in the years ahead,"* he says.

Through it all, unwavering faith remains at the heart of Huye's transformation.



# CHRYSO NDASINGWA:

Leading Worship, Building Foundations at ACT



Chryso Ndasingwa knows the power of influence. As a **worship leader and gospel artist**, he has led crowds in worship, **filling arenas with thousands of voices lifted in praise**. But he also knows that influence—without a strong foundation—can be dangerous.

*“When you have a big following, it can go wrong,”* he shares. *“The only protection you have is to stay rooted in the church.”*

That conviction led him to **Africa College of Theology (ACT)**, where students contribute 10% of their tuition costs, while Africa New Life Ministries subsidizes the remaining expenses, making theological education accessible to many. His goal? To ensure that his platform as an artist is not just about music, but deeply rooted in biblical truth and spiritual leadership.

*“I had a strong desire to attend Bible college. At first, I didn’t even know what I was doing. But later, I realized how important it is—especially as a worship leader—to have a strong biblical foundation.”*

At ACT, Chryso has found more than just education—he has found mentorship, spiritual growth, and a deeper understanding of his calling.

## A Sponsored Student, A Future Leader

As a sponsored student, Chryso’s education is made possible by generous supporters who believe in raising up the next generation of Christian leaders. **For many students like him, sponsorship is the bridge between calling and opportunity**—ensuring that financial limitations do not stand in the way of ministry training.

His studies at ACT are equipping him **not just to lead songs, but also to lead people**. He is learning how to disciple others, shepherd a congregation, and ensure that worship is not just an emotional experience—**but an encounter with God’s truth**.

## Building More Than Music

And his reach extends beyond the classroom. With connections in churches across Rwanda, Chryso is using his education to train and disciple other worship leaders. He serves, teaches, and supports the next generation of musicians and church leaders, ensuring that they, too, have a foundation in Christ.

*“ACT is helping me become the leader I am meant to be. I want my music and my ministry to always be about more than just performance—I want it to be about truth, about discipleship, about pointing people to Christ.”*

## Worship with a Purpose

Chryso’s story is a powerful reminder of why theological education matters. Worship is more than a song. Leadership is more than a stage. **And influence, when built on faith, has the power to transform lives.**

Through sponsorship and ACT’s investment in future leaders, Chryso is not just leading worship—he is **shaping the future of worship in Rwanda**.



# UNSHAKEN HOPE

Through every challenge, the people of Rwanda continue to rise—with **resolute** faith, **unyielding** perseverance, and **unshaken** hope. At Africa New Life, we see this unwavering spirit every day, in students pursuing their dreams, in families rebuilding their futures, and in churches strengthening their communities.

You can come alongside this movement of transformation with a gift to Africa New Life's Impact Fund. **The Impact Fund fuels education, discipleship, and holistic care, ensuring lasting change for generations.**

**Will you walk boldly with Rwanda toward a brighter future?**



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