

2020 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT



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A Letter from Pastor Samuel

Executive Director; PIPES International

After years of work among the pygmies in Congo, it was time to serve our pygmy brothers and sisters in other countries as well. We chose to start from a neighboring country, Rwanda. This journey began in 2018 with a visit to Ruhuda village in the outskirts of Butare, near the Rwanda-Burundi border.

On arrival, we were met with music and dance by an enthusiastic team of the indigenous Twa of Rwanda. This small community of the pygmy people has settled in a remote place, which is very difficult to find. Our guide introduced the village leader to our team. Against the normal in most African villages, Chief Josephine, the community leader, took her turn to welcome us and introduce the rest of the community members.

In a culture that is predominantly patriarchal social system, it was an outstanding observation that a woman chief led the community. And yes, this was unprecedented leadership, and the men did not hesitate to obey her orders. Chief Josephine still does house chores and takes care of her children besides the added responsibility to lead her community. She takes care of ten households with about 60 people. She organizes meetings, receives guests, and reports to the local government authorities.

A few months later, our team joyfully led Chief Josephine to Christ, thus enabling her to be a Christian leader in this community. Today, our staff has trained chief Josephine on good hygiene and sanitation, jigger treatment, and prevention, among other skills. She is usually assigned roles by PIPES staff, which she accomplishes with dedication. She is now a great example to the community, and apart from being a chief, she is a spiritual leader.

1. DISCIPLESHIP

Stepping Forward in the Fulfillment of the Great Commission





DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM USING OUR DISCIPLESHIP WORKBOOK.

Pastor Isaac training people using the just launched discipleship tool “The Great Commission Discipleship Pathway Workbook.” Many churches are adopting this tool as they Bible study. By the grace of God, hearts are being molded into spiritually mature followers of Christ Jesus. Bwana asifiwe!



YOUTH IN KENYA DOING BIBLE STUDY USING PIPES DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY WORKBOOK. (June 2020)

DISCIPLESHIP IN ACTION!

The greatest story ever told on earth is the story of the Love of God and His redemption plan for the mankind from their sinful nature to a life of righteousness, peace, and Joy in the Holy Spirit. For indeed, all people are born sinners having fallen short of the glory of God since the fall at the Garden of Eden. God in His own wisdom and through his immeasurable grace sent His own begotten Son Jesus Christ to die so that His precious blood

can atone for our sins and be reconciled back to God.

The first step is to believe in Jesus Christ and then grow to spiritual maturity.

In this regard, PIPES International has developed a discipleship workbook that aims to help Christians grow, be rooted in the faith, and be mature disciples of Jesus Christ. Secondly, it is a perfect tool of evangelism that Christians will find useful in the outreach work.

Bible study groups are beginning to use the workbook. This is a significant milestone. Glory to God.



I am incredibly excited about the Discipleship Workbook. After six months of hard work, we finally have a workbook that can be used around the world to help Christians be rooted in God's word. Our staff members have worked on the materials and have shown exemplary dedication throughout the workbook development. The book will be used by all Christians who seek to grow deeper in the knowledge of God. It is easy to use and very practical in approach. We have involved our partners in Africa, Asia, and the United States to ensure that the materials are appropriate for the people we serve.

The workbook will be translated into eight languages as follows: English, Kiswahili, French, Kinyarwanda, Kirundi, Urdu, Kikuyu and Maasai language.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this book is to help Christians to grow in faith and become mature disciples of Jesus Christ. As disciples, we will also learn that we have an obligation to reach out to the unbelievers and help them to know Christ.

STRUCTURE: The workbook has 12 chapters, and each chapter takes one month to complete. There are weekly readings, discussions, basic assignments, and activities at the end of the chapter. We recommend (3-12) participants to meet weekly for an effective Bible Study.

MODEL: 2 Timothy 2:2 "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses commit these to faithful men who will also be able to teach others.

(Paul-Timothy-Faithful People-Others)

TOPICS COVERED. The book covers the story of Salvation, as seen from Genesis to Revelation. We address topics of Sin, the Law, Jesus the Savior, Assurance of Salvation, Christian living, Great commission, Multiplication of disciples, and Finishing well, among others.

2. Education

Hope Academy

How a School of 30 Students grew to 600



Origins

Hope Academy is a school where indigenous children feel the peace of God and grow as followers of Christ and citizens who make a positive impact on their communities.

Students in Congo attend schools in increments that closely mirror that of the United States education system: 1st-6th grade, 7th-10th, and 11th-12th. In 6th grade, students have to sit for an exam, which allows them to move on to 7th grade. A recent study showed that 44% of students drop out of school at this point and cease attending any kind of formal education.

The statistics for indigenous peoples are even more alarming. Pygmies are five times more likely to drop out than non-indigenous peoples, and twice as likely to have no education at all.

In 2007, four years before the starting of PIPES International, Pastor Samuel was prompted by the Lord to find a way to provide free education for the indigenous peoples of Congo. "The desire to start Hope Academy was to give hope and opportunity to the local children; thus the name "Hope Academy," says Samuel.

Due to lack of resources, the idea was shelved until 2011, when PIPES International was founded, and partners began to make online donations to build the school.

At that point, a group of 30 students met under a shade outside Goma town and began their studies. PIPES employed one teacher and eventually a second one.

At the start of the fall semester of 2012, 156 students were enrolled at the school. Excitement was very high in the local community, and many parents were able to take their children to school for the very first time. This sparked a flame of hope in the hearts of the indigenous people and it began to spread.

For the first three years of the school's existence, the structure was mostly composed of a waterproof canvas material, supported by timber poles on the sides. Inside were four separate classrooms, separated by the canvas, where grades 1-4 met to study.

Each day students were served with *uji*, which means "porridge." This further encouraged parents to bring their children to school because the students didn't have anything to eat at home.

All the while, property was being acquired to begin construction on a more permanent structure that would house many more students.

God's Favor

In 2014, construction to expand the size of the school began. Major fundraising efforts took place on the home-front in the US to provide every dollar that was needed for the completion of this project. In about ten months, the Lord provided the funds, and the construction was completed in October of 2014.

Within one year of the completion of the building project, more than 200 new students enrolled to begin their studies at Hope Academy. With this large increase in the student population, the need for a greater number of teachers grew.

Teachers Who Love

From the beginning, PIPES established that any educator employed by Hope Academy needed to be a strong believer and passionate about their faith.

As the school grew, and the need for more teachers along with it, interviews were held for both men and women in the local community. One challenge was finding qualified female teachers because of the lack of education among women in DRC. Trust was placed in the Lord, knowing that He would provide exactly the right number of teachers to instruct the growing student population. By 2015, we had nine full-time teachers and two subordinate staff.

"Our teachers are very passionate, and they are committed to our students for the long-haul. They are hard-working and very good at their jobs. The school director, Nathalie, is a very strong, God-fearing woman who is committed to the mission of the school and the development of each and every student. Our longest standing teacher, Musemi, has been with the school since its inception in 2011. At the moment, PIPES is sponsoring his bachelor's degree in education.

Hope Academy's primary mission, which coincides with PIPES International's mission is to partner with indigenous people groups to make disciples and end abject poverty. Education plays a primary role in ending poverty and is necessary for the economic development of a community.

The teachers at Hope Academy love the Lord and they love their students. Their passion for educating, and making disciples is clear in the ways they mentor the students.





What's Next?

PIPES International is excited to announce that in July (2020) Hope Academy held its first official Commencement Ceremony graduating 62 students!

We praise the Lord for this exciting time in Hope Academy. God has proved His faithfulness to us time and time again over the past nine years and we give Him all the glory. Everything that we have accomplished has been a direct result of His provision and careful attention to the progress of the school.

The next step for growth in PIPES' education initiative is to construct two more schools, one in Congo and another in Kenya. In addition to these two schools, we plan to establish a vocational training school. "I have seen the need to form a vocational training school for students who are interested in furthering their education but cannot afford or do not qualify to go to a university or college," says Samuel.

As partners who are dedicated to long-term relationships with the indigenous peoples of Africa, it is important for us to invest time and energy into continued education for those students who are seeking to make careers that will sustain themselves and their families throughout the course of their lives.

We continue to trust the Lord for the provision of finances and resources to build and maintain our schools.

Today, Hope academy educates more than 600 students and continues to grow with each new term! The need for continued support is greater than ever. There are many ways to support Hope Academy and the building of more schools through PIPES International.

To learn more about how to get involved, visit pipesinternational.org



FIRST GRADE 12 CLASS JUST GRADUATED!

Education is a powerful tool for empowerment in Africa. The dream of educating the pygmies began in the year 2011 to help children who could otherwise not access quality education. We have achieved tremendous results for the last nine years.

The children who had never set foot in a classroom had a chance to acquire formal education. We began with a handful of children and one teacher. Today the school has more than 600 students from grades 1 to 12. This month of October, the first grade 12 class graduated after they all passed the national exams. They hope to join universities and colleges. Our ministry will continue to support their dreams, and we believe in building the future leaders of nations like Congo.

3. EMPOWERMENT

PIPES Launches Sewing School with Victory Churches of Rwanda



Economic Development in Rwanda

In March 2020, just before countries closed their borders following the announcement of COVID-19, Samuel arrived in Kigali to launch a sewing school. The program began with five machines and ten students. What started as a small initiative has grown into a pathway of transformation, especially for single women and widows—equipping them with practical skills, restoring dignity, and enabling them to earn a sustainable income, support their families, and rebuild their lives with renewed hope and purpose.



Economic Development in Rwanda

Missionary Jane presents a Rabbit hutch with two rabbits to Maria (right) and her family. As the rabbits multiply, Maria will have food for her family and can sell some for her healthcare needs. With only \$50, PIPES donates a hutch and several rabbits to each family. You can help a hardworking family to start, grow, and sustain their small business. Rabbit farming doesn't require a lot of start-up capital. It takes less space and provides manure for crop farming. At only six months, rabbits start producing kits- up to 12 kits at a time.

Looking Back on 2019

God has been gracious to PIPES International in 2019. We have reached more than 15, 000 people with the good news of Jesus Christ in multiple countries, including the Philippines, South Korea, Kenya, DR Congo, Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania, and Mexico. Over 1,000 have come to Jesus Christ, and hundreds more renewed their faith in God. We trained pastors, local leaders, and initiated several income-generating projects. Among them are the rabbit farming and sewing business.

We are happy to report that weekly Bible study groups are meeting in the countries we serve. The bible study meetings are aiding new believers to grow deeper in their faith in Christ. Finally, we continue to educate and feed close to 1,000 orphans and vulnerable children. Over Christmas 2019, we fed children in Congo, Rwanda, Kenya, and Mexico.



A Letter from Stuart Isaac Harrier

Marketing & Communications Director; Editor of THE PIPELINE

I was horrified when Missionary Jane (Programs Coordinator, Rwanda) first informed me of the procedure children undergo to remove the parasite in Africa, commonly known as "jiggers." The *Tunga Penetrans* (jigger) is a nasty parasite that burrows into the feet of other living organisms. If left untreated, the damage to skin and muscle tissue is devastating. An easy way to avoid this bug is by wearing closed-toed shoes and covering your feet. For many in Africa, shoes are a distant dream, and not something easily accessible.

When Jane made me aware of how parents would cut the jiggers out of the feet of their children, with nothing to dull the pain, my heart sank. I knew we needed to intervene. Pastor Samuel and our team have been working hard to investigate safe and human methods of removal for our indigenous friends in Africa over the past few months.

By the grace of God, we have finally arrived to a medical solution which has already been implemented in Ruduha Village, Rwanda. It has been very difficult for our staff on the ground to move from place to place due to COVID-19 Pandemic travel restrictions, but thankfully the Lord made a way for our team to deliver the supplies necessary to begin training local villagers on proper medical treatment for the infestation.

We are a long way from wide-scale implementation across all indigenous villages in partnership with PIPES, and we need the help of our sponsors and donors to fund these efforts. We are the helping hands of Jesus and these feet need to be healed so our indigenous friends can carry the gospel message of Jesus Christ to their own neighbors! Your support is their testimony of God's provision! To God be the glory, AMEN!



PIPES ANTI-JIGGER CAMPAIGN.

Jigger treatment in Rwanda and Burundi has been very successful. We praise the Lord for the progress made and the lives that are being changed. We are continuing from village to village, treating and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. In the last two months, we have treated over 220 children and their parents.

During treatment sessions, our local partnering organization, Burundi Community Outreach Mission (BCOM), shares the gospel every day with several people giving their lives to Jesus.

In Burundi, for example, seven people said Yes to Jesus in the first two weeks of treatment. With your support, we continue to thank God for the opportunity to share God's love and bring hope to many families.



Raising Funds

PIPES is purchasing potassium permanganate, petroleum jelly, soap, nail clippers, hydrogen peroxide, and other medicinal products to distribute to village leaders and parents for the purpose of resolving current infestations, as well as purchasing closed-toed shoes/boots to protect the feet of every indigenous person we are partnered with.

This is a large fund-raising effort and we whole-heartedly believe that every person has the right to own a pair of shoes. We trust the Lord for the funds to provide shoes for the feet of our partnered villages and are excited to see the look on the faces of those whom we are called to serve.

First Trial in Ruduha

Trial testing for the proper treatment of current infestations (as guided by medical authorities) began in the second week of July and within one week's time, Missionary Jane (Programs Coordinator; Rwanda & Burundi) reported that children are already walking better. This is very encouraging news considering the testing has only been underway for 1 week.

Now, children are able to walk and run more easily and freely. By the grace of God, the helping hands of Jesus have already begun to heal the feet of the poor and helpless.

Recognizing a Need

During PIPES annual trip to Africa, Summer 2019, Missionary Jane brought a very serious issue to the attention of Pastor Samuel. A common parasite known as "the jigger" which is easily avoidable by wearing close-toed shoes had heavily infested the men, women, and children of Ruduha. This is a common issue amongst impoverished villages in Africa.

The parasite itself is commonly found in dry, dusty places and burrows itself into the feet of those who trample the ground where they are located. A tiny parasite, the jigger is incredibly difficult to see from eye level, and thus becomes nearly impossible to avoid stepping on.

Jigger infestations are extremely devastating to skin and muscle tissue if left untreated. Because of a lack of medical knowledge or availability to hospitals, indigenous peoples resorted to extreme measures in an effort to removing the parasites. Knives are often used to dig the parasites out, or to remove dead flesh entirely. The process is extremely painful and seriously traumatic.

Developing a Plan

When PIPES staff realized the severity of the issue, it became clear that immediate action

was required. African Coordinator, Isaac Maina quickly began reaching out to medical professionals for advice and PIPES staff were educated on proper treatment of jigger infestations as well as given valuable knowledge regarding preventative measures that can be taken to mitigate any further infestations.

Advocating for the Indigenous Peoples

In mid-June, Missionary Jane met with the Government Executive Director of Ngoma Sector, Rwanda to discuss the number of infestations and to explore government involvement in the treatment process. This continues to be an encouraging narrative in the progress of advocacy for the Pygmies of Rwanda because government leaders are being held accountable for the care and treatment of human beings on their soil.

PIPES is advocating that the government will take action to increase the level of preventative education within all schools and urging government leaders to require school teachers and administrators to instruct children in proper hygiene, as well as take on a level of care and medical aid to increase student focus and participation. Jigger infestations are highly painful and irritating.

Plans for Further Implementation

Translation of the jigger treatment has been completed on a small 9 page booklet which will be passed out to all PIPES partnered villages throughout our primary operating zones. The booklet is available in the following languages: Swahili, Kikuyu, Kirwanda, Kirundi, and French.



A Testimony of Love

We praise God for the continued financial support and prayers that you, our PIPES Partners offer up to our Lord. This project would not have been possible if it wasn't for your faithfulness and we know that God receives all the glory!

The children who have been freed from the pain of jigger infestations can now testify that it was God's love and grace that gave them relief, and they can now walk in the strength of the Lord and carry the message of His love for them to their friends and neighbors!

Bwana asifiwe! (Praise the Lord!)



MORE BLIND FAMILIES GET HELP IN PAKISTAN.



**The Blind Fellowship received donations on July 15, 2020.
Pastor Victor shares the gospel and distributes food.**

We are so excited to help those in the greatest need.

The blind fellowship of Pakistan is again grateful for the amazing help from PIPES International.



Responding to Covid-19.

PIPES International has assisted over 1,000 people in Africa and Asia during this pandemic. Our teams are sharing God's love as they support families with emergency food and medical supplies in six countries. We have received numerous testimonies and this testimony from Pakistan is one of the many. In Pakistan, Pastor Victor gave food to the blind and widows and had the following to report about one of the recipients "Ilyas is blind and his wife is also blind. They were delighted and prayed for us because they did not have food, and as a blind couple, they were not able to go out due to the Covid-19 restriction, and no one came to help them. They are excited to receive food from PIPES, enough for the next ten days."

PIPES continues to restock our distribution centers so that we can continue to feed children and families as we share the gospel of Jesus Christ.





Responding in Rwanda and DR Congo.

The Women Empowerment Program

PIPES has been of great help to the indigenous community in Rwanda and Congo. We have seen a big difference in the lives of this hardworking community.

This month, we supported women in Rwanda to start small businesses, most of them selling fruits and vegetables in their neighborhood. The women who depended on PIPES and government support are now a proud group.

Our field staff has reported that the ladies are now comfortably feeding their children without asking for government assistance.

Thank you very much for your generosity. Your gifts are making a big difference to thousands of children and families.

With your continued support, we will continue to empower women in Africa and Asia to stabilize economically.



HOW TO BE INVOLVED?

Your gift today to PIPES International will support the needy children, indigenous families and other vulnerable communities with emergency food and medical care. PIPES will continue to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

Your gift will immediately provide:

- Support to our missionaries to take the gospel deep in the villages.
- Hand-washing stations in strategic places, soap, sanitizers, facemasks, and more.
- Emergency food and medical care to children and families.
- Hygiene promotion to communities through our staff and partners on the ground.

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CELEBRATING NINE YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS AND FAVOR.

PIPES International started from a very humble beginning on October 31, 2011. We walked for miles searching for those in the forests of Congo, resettled families, build a school for their children, and shared the gospel of Jesus Christ. Today, we passionately continue to serve as a beacon of hope to the indigenous peoples worldwide.

In October of 2020, we celebrated PIPES International's NINE years of God's faithfulness and favor.

We are excited to see the tremendous growth of the HOPE ACADEMY. At the inception, we had NO building and only a few kids. The only thing we had was hope in the Almighty God. The student population then grew to over 600, and this month, our first grade 12 class has graduated. The nine students all passed their national exams, and they hope to join universities and colleges.

One of the most significant accomplishments in the last NINE years is to travel with mission teams to share the gospel around the world and to see lives changed by the power of the gospel. From India's villages to the cities of Pakistan, towns in Indonesia, and the Africa forests, God is doing a new thing.

We've been to more than 20 countries declaring the gospel of Jesus Christ, and we have witnessed thousands come to Christ. Today, with the Discipleship Pathway workbook, we are helping thousands grow in their faith and become faithful disciples of Christ. Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 says, "3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,". We have seen the message of the gospel changing lives in every sphere of life.

By God's grace, in the last nine years, we have moved families from beggars to responsible citizens by supporting small businesses and helping with farming technics and providing quality seeds. We have relieved jigger infested children from severe pain and given deworming medication enabling them to walk and return to school. In everything we have done, we have demonstrated God's love. We continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus here on earth. We thank God for His favor and grace, and we thank all our partners for every part they played to make the achievements possible. As we start our 10th year, PIPES requests your partnership and continued support.

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