

Dear Rene,

Greetings in Jesus' name. We appreciate very much the heart of helping us in the building of the secondary school. Below are the responses to the Questions you need to know.

1. The location of the school will be in Muyinga Province, commune Butihinda, Zone Butihinda. Muyinga province is located at about 156 km from Bujumbura, the capital city of the Republic of Burundi. [A commune is roughly equivalent to a USA county and has nothing to do with the usual meaning of commune. - Rene Brown]

Socio- Economic Problem of the Commune

Butihinda Commune is like many other commune of Burundi that live in poverty. This state has been accentuated by a 12 years' civil war. Furthermore, another important problem is HIV/ AIDS and its consequences that are aggravating the critical situation that people are already facing. The increasing of HIV/ AIDS occurred during war whereby many people were dead and the survivors were fleeing the country toward neighboring countries such as Tanzania and Rwanda.

In this commune, we have a big number of children who have reached only primary level and they have not been able to pursue their education in secondary schools due to the lack of enough secondary schools not only in this commune but also in the whole province. For instance, the province has about 230, 000 pupils in the last classes of primary schools but only about 140,000 have the chance to go to secondary schools. The remaining 90,000 children are forced to suspend their education. Therefore, the construction of this school would be of great help.

2. Plan for the school

- A. Number of students each year: 560 students
- A. Number of rooms 14 classrooms plus 1 room for the library, 1 room for the laboratory, 1 room for the Headmaster's office, 1 room for the Dean's office, 1 room for the Teachers and 1 room for the secretary, 1 meeting hall. For the moment, the school will be a day school. In case we get sponsors to meet the needs of boarding students, we will extend the school in order to become a boarding school. 10 toilets are needed (8 toilets for students: 4 for boys and 4 for girls) and 2 for the staff.
- B. Total square meters: 1176 square meters (Toilets excluded) [12,658 square feet - Rene Brown]
- C. No dormitories for now.
- D. We will send the school plan as soon as possible
- E. Vision of the school: To give the chance to the unprivileged children to have secondary school education which can open for them opportunities to participate in various parts of the life of their country. All children including boys and girls from different religions and backgrounds will be accepted without exception. The school will help the students to get knowledge both theoretically and practically in order to reach the above goal. Since the school will be under the Ministry of National Education, it will follow the curriculum of that Ministry. According to the secondary school system in our country, it is from S1 to S7.

1. Teachers' payment

Since the Church has signed a School Agreement with The Government of Burundi, the Government will be in charge of the teachers' salaries. In case the school gets external financial support, the church will give some allowances to supplement the teachers' salaries.

2. Fees to be paid by the school

The school fees are determined by the Ministry of Education for all public schools and schools under Agreement. For now school fees are at 7000 FBU [Burundi Francs = about 1,000 to one USA Dollar - Rene Brown] (7 US\$) per term.

On behalf of New Life Church in Jesus Christ

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