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Dear Friends and family,

Our taxi eased off of the one-lane, badly rutted road into the courtyard of the training center in **Ruhengeri, Rwanda**. Almost **100 men from four countries** were eagerly **awaiting the beginning of their 3rd training conference**. As I worked my way through the welcoming participants, I recognized many familiar faces, but there was one person I did not expect to see— **Emmanuel Mugambo. What was he doing here?**



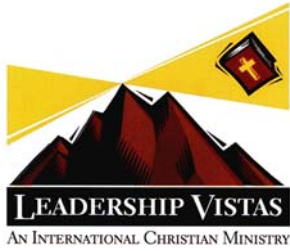
It soon became clear. **Emmanuel** had begun his training with another group of men in Masaka, Uganda, but **was unable to attend the whole series of 5 conferences there**. **“I thought I should come to Ruhengeri to attend the remaining modules I had not yet done,”** he said. And he did so with focus and commitment, **making a 250 mile journey to increase his knowledge of God’s Word.**



Why would Emmanuel make such an effort to complete his training? Quite simply, **our conferences make disciples---men who follow Jesus**. As he put it, *“The trainings have helped me to grow spiritually because they are all based on God’s word and they bring out the experience of the teachers. Some of the teachers are in pastoral ministry like I am, and so their experiences enrich my life and ministry.”* *What a privilege it is for us to disciple these church leaders as we share our lives and knowledge with them!*



*A higher standard.
A higher purpose.*



Additionally, **Emmanuel mentors others to make disciples!** “In fact, I have a class of about 20 people who are interested in discipling others, and so we meet once a month to see how they are doing with their own 1-on-1 relationships. These trainings are very important,” he said. *We praise God for the multiplication and duplication of disciples!*

What a pleasure it is to partner with you as God changes lives in Africa! Your prayers and gifts are equipping African church leaders, like Emmanuel, to be trained and to equip others for ministry. We see the part that God has given Leadership Vistas in fulfilling the Great Commission: **“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations...”** (Matt 28.19). *Thank you for supporting us in changing lives, churches, and communities for Christ in Africa.*



In Christ's Service,

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Equipping African church leaders to fulfill their calling from God

What is equally exciting is to hear **what these leaders are doing with the training they have received!** Like many of our students, Emmanuel uses our course materials to **instruct others; he trains leaders in his church as well as other rural pastors.** “I am working in several **remote places in western Uganda with 5 groups, that is, 58 students,**” he said. “Because the trainings are designed for people who are already in ministry, they greatly help my teaching by providing a format for me to use with my classes. **I translate the materials into the local language, and as I teach them, I see that the students are following along very well.**” *The disciple Emmanuel is now training and discipling others.*