



## 'Rema Burundi' focusing on sustainable reintegration of displaced people and refugees

Programmes include: capacity building, Economic empowerment, Health and Social protection, and advocacy and lobbying. Issues for returning refugees remain great in terms of acceptance, land ownership, education, and sustainable income generation - if peace is to grow in Burundi. Rema is seeking to establish and represent needs from the grass roots to provincial, national and international levels. Much prayer is needed that through God's love, true peace may be a lasting reality.

# Rema News

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## INCOME GENERATING PASTORS TRAINING ACTIVITIES

There has been much progress in terms of improvement of self-esteem amongst the beneficiaries. Beatrice, a disabled lady, (see above) who we have spoken about before - with her tailoring project, has had a further loan and has now bought a milling machine. People are coming in big numbers to grind their grain. She is already paying back the loan and many are benefitting....

The training programme for church leaders is continuing... Seminars are taking place in Cankuzo, Muzye, Bukeye and Nyanza Lac (Muyange). Courses include - Biblical Counselling. Expository preaching, biblical theology and biblical interpretation. The books are translated into Kirundi and help them to prepare seminars in their respective churches.

## NYEMBUYE CLINIC (Rutana)

Good quality medical services are now being offered to Nyembuye and surrounding villages helped by a regular supply of funds for medication from UK donors.

Outcomes: One pastor said that he planted banana trees and has changed the way he harvests to increase productivity. He is teaching his parishioners to increase food production so people have enough to eat and surplus for the market.



The next project is to raise funds for another building with 2 rooms for a dentistry (Dentists are visiting from Scotland again this summer) and 2 rooms for temporary admission of vulnerable people unable to go back home ...

Fruit is being grown for training on improved nutrition and supply for those in need.

Another leader said that she was able to start a Christian group to help the sick, orphans and widows. She organised a seminar and urged women she represents to manage time, initiate income generation, and improve farming techniques and trading.

## BURUNDI NEWS Update...

At the time of writing Burundi is preparing for the referendum on the constitution on 17<sup>th</sup> May.

# NEW DATA PROTECTION THEO'S BOOK LEGISLATION

comes into force on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 covering the protection and security of personal data of all EU citizens held by organisations worldwide. The UK Government is committed to retaining this in law following Brexit (if there is one).

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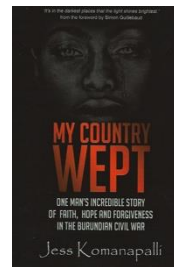
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## My Country Wept, the biography of Theo Mbazumutima director of Rema Burundi is

now available. Theo has an amazing testimony of God's love and protection to tell. Theo told his story to Jess Komanapalli, who has then written Theo's story. She writes

*I've heard many testimonies in my life, but one of the most astounding was from a man named*



*Theodore Mbazumutima, a man who escaped the genocide and civil war in Burundi in 1993.*

Copies are available from Rema UK or on Amazon.

## NAME CHANGE

Rema Ministries in Burundi has changed its name to **Rema Burundi**. This decision was made by the Extraordinary General Assembly... in line with Government requirements in relation to NGOs.

### PRAISE and PRAYER

#### Praise for:

1. Church Leaders Training
2. Income generating activities

#### Pray for:

1. Rema team working in the current socio-political situation
2. Peace in Burundi especially surrounding referendum on 17<sup>th</sup> May



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