

Dear Friends,

This May, we're preparing to gather many pastors and missionaries from across Africa for our annual Leaders Summit in Burundi—a time set aside for worship, prayer, encouragement, and being spurred on in the work God has called them to. Our team has identified 15 leaders who cannot afford to attend this important gathering on their own and extended an invitation to them in faith.

We're looking for partners who would be willing to sponsor a leader and cover their cost.

These leaders are serving faithfully—but many have become discouraged. Not because they don't love God. Not because they aren't committed. But because, over time, hardship, trauma, and isolation have shaped the way they see their lives and their future. As one leader shared, it can begin to feel like you're simply waiting for someone else to come and help.

But through the training offered at gatherings like this, we are starting to see that change.

Through discipleship and time in God's Word, perspectives can be transformed. One pastor stood up at our last event and said:

*"I dress like I am poor. I think like I am poor. I act like I am poor. **This is not true.**"*

He realized that, instead of renting his small plot of land out to others, he could actually cultivate it himself while also continuing in church ministry. This led to his family thriving instead of struggling. Nothing about his situation

had changed. He still had the same land, the same resources, the same challenges. But for the first time, he saw what God had already placed in his hands.

Like the man in John 9, his testimony is simple: "I was blind, but now I see."

This is the kind of transformation we are witnessing—not just new information, but renewed vision. A shift from hopelessness to hope. From scarcity to stewardship. From waiting to participating in what God is already doing.

When leaders begin to see differently, it shapes how they lead, how they serve, and how they care for those around them.

The cost of travel in Africa is high and yet, with your help, we hope to send 15 African pastors to join our Leaders Summit happening in Burundi this May. **The total cost of sending a pastor is \$1,678 USD. Would you be willing to sponsor one of these pastors?**

Thank you for considering how you might be part of this. Your support is not just funding a trip—it is investing in leaders who are already influencing churches and communities, and who will return with renewed clarity and encouragement.

With gratitude,

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