

First Presbyterian Church members Andi Gaskins and Heidi Meadows will be traveling with The Outreach Foundation to Rwanda, East Africa October 19-30, 2015. We will be visiting and sharing with our EPR (Presbyterian Church of Rwanda) mission partners and taking gifts to share. Gifts of all types are needed and are greatly appreciated by our Presbyterian partner churches. A donation box is located by the church office.

Requested items for donation include:

Toothbrushes and toothpaste
Full-sized hand or body lotion and soaps
Set of dish towels
Set of kitchen towels
Queen-sized cotton sheet sets
Soccer balls and soccer ball pump/needles

Cash donations will also be used to purchase items here and/or will be taken over to purchase items in Rwanda. Requested items (with average prices) include:

Pastor Jerome's Peacemaking Team projects (teaching and travel expenses) – any amount
Bibles and Children's Bibles for churches \$10 each

Will purchase in Kigali, Rwanda - in Kinyarwanda language

Medical Assistance/Insurance for children to attend school - \$30 for five children (\$6 each)

Goats to give to families (for income generation and milk) - \$50 each

Microloans for business development - \$100 each

Digital cameras for congregations - \$100 each

CPAJ Scholarships for street children - \$100

Sewing machine (manual or electric) - \$125 to \$250

Knitting machine - \$200

New laptop computers for congregations - \$500-\$600 (with software)

New Rukamiro Self-Sustainment and Income Generation Projects:

Adult Literacy Program – Initial cost \$1200

Hair Salon – Total cost \$1500.

Grinding Machine – Total cost \$5000

Checks to FPC can be marked for "Rwanda Mission Project". Please note any special designation in the FOR line (Bibles, Goats, Adult Literacy, etc.). Undesignated gifts will be used where most needed. Please contact Heidi Meadows, heidi.meadows@knology.net 256-337-8042, with questions.

More details on the Rukamiro Self-Sustainment and Income Generation Projects:

FPC Huntsville helped finish construction on the Rukamiro Sanctuary in 2014 and attended the church dedication ceremony in October 2014. Since then – and partially due to the completion and availability of the church – Rukamiro has received a new water well (from the government) and solar panels/electricity (from the Presbyterian Church of Rwanda).

Rukamiro would like to further leverage their new sanctuary and gifts of water and electricity to provide education, jobs, income, and self-sustainability opportunities to the residents of the region. These programs will serve not only the church members but will also be an outreach and witness to the unchurched in the area.

Adult Literacy Program – Initial cost \$1200. Cost includes books, pens, pencils, blackboards, chalk, nominal teacher's salaries and transportation costs. Classes will be conducted in the new church. They will last 6 months and will start with 40 students – 20 men and 20 women. There is a very great need for adult literacy programs, and it is estimated that over 300 adult students will be served over a three-year period.

Hair Salon – Total cost \$1500. Cost includes haircutting supplies, mirrors, chairs, towels, generator, and shelving. There are already trained hair stylists who have a building, and now they also have water and electricity. The salon will be self-sustaining: income will pay salaries and supply fees. It will benefit everyone in the region, as there is no salon nearby.

Grinding Machine – Total cost \$5000. Cost includes grinding machine, building of a small house for machine, transportation of machine, and installation. Machine will grind both corn and sorghum (another staple grain) and will benefit over 1000 people in the region, who must now walk several miles each way to get their grain ground.

Church and residents of Rukamiro community:

