



## **MARTY & LOUISE KOONCE**

### **Africa Transformation Network (ATN)**

#### ***Kigali, Rwanda***

The Koonce Family serves in Rwanda, Africa and are celebrating our twentieth year in the field. One thing we have learned after twenty years is that there is no such thing as a typical day. For Louise, who teaches art, photography, and media design at the international school our sons have attended, it is more “normal” than for Marty. For Marty, who uses sport development to share the gospel, it is rare to have two days alike. We work with Africa Transformation Network and our goal is clearly seen in our vision statement: Kingdom Communities of Obedient Disciples Transforming and Redeeming Rwanda.

ATN has five areas of ministry and they are: Xtra Miles Vocational School and Services; Peace House Ministries which serves to redeem the lives of street kids and prostitutes; Community Development which works in farming and well drilling; Sport Development; and Education and Leadership Development. In Sport Development, Marty uses Taekwondo to help Rwandans address their issues of vulnerability and to assist them to build healthy, trusting communities. He started the sport for Rwanda nine years ago and now thousands are participating as civilians as well as the military and police. The sport grows annually at more than seventy percent and Bible study and prayer are part of the natural DNA within all the clubs.

All the work done in Rwanda has the focus of making disciples of Jesus that make other disciples. We are thrilled to share that there are now too many disciple groups to count! Yes, you read that correctly. Until this year we were doing an annual census, but now the growth has been too rapid and we have lost count. This is just what we have been working and praying for. At our last census, in 2016, there were more than 500 groups with 400 in progress and there had been more than 7,000 baptized. There was a great statistic we picked up this year at our leadership meeting. Now there are groups that are thirteen generations deep. Yes, that is a church that has planted a church, that has planted a church and so on. As well, there is great evidence that the movement is now spilling over into Congo, Burundi, Tanzania, and Uganda. This is what it is all about and this is why we ask you to continue praying and supporting our work with African Transformation Network.

We ask you to keep up with our work by subscribing to our newsletter, following us on social media and subscribing to Marty's blog.

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