

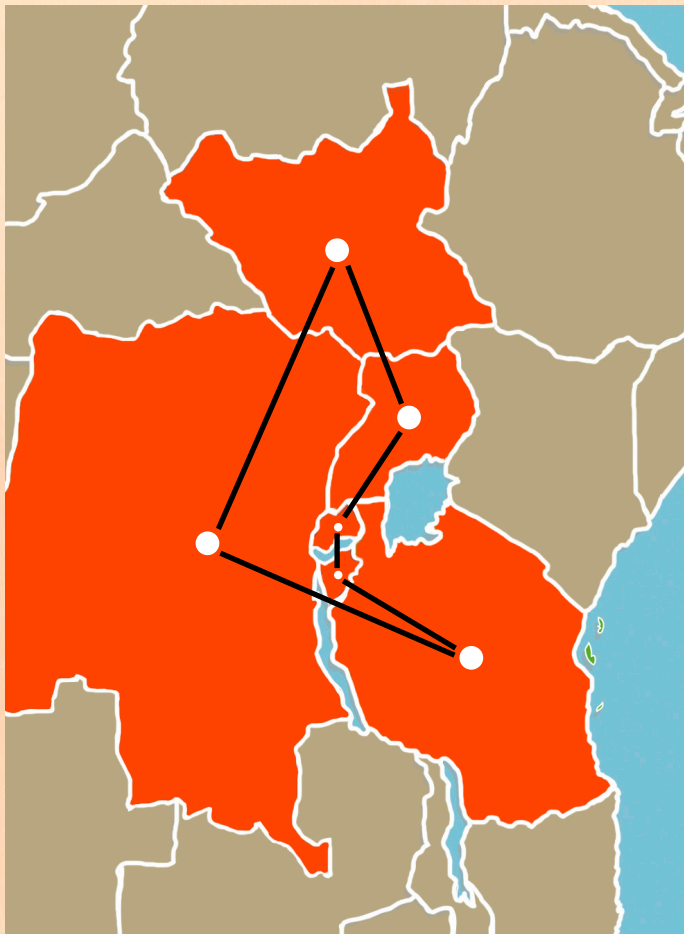


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A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Reader,



“We are holding the pen to right the history of empowered families that creates an empowered nation.”

**JAN-MAY
2023
EDITION**

The year 2022 was to us more than a celebration of the faithfulness of God; it was a revelation of His heart desires and purposes for families in this generation.

We are humbled that we are not only observers but a people mandated to bring the transformation in the families in different African regions and even beyond. We are holding the pen to right the history of empowered families that creates an empowered nation.

Our gratitude first is to our Lord and Master who found us worthy to serve families in these times. Secondly, to the friends and partners who are fellow laborers in this journey of serving families. God through the multitude spoke to us the need, gave us an instruction and joined you to us and together we are preaching the gospel to the families both in words and deeds.

We accepted and embraced this call with all that it comes with. We as Eden Mission will only keep standing and moving towards a brighter and greater future as we remain humble before Him who chose us to serve.

We are serving families in 10 different centres in 4 different countries. With over 1,500 people we have trained in this year 2023 in the first two modules, and the over 900 that have accepted the Lordship of Christ, we fully believe that God is working through us unhindered.

However, we are only reminded that our humility before Him and honor to you our friends and partners keeps the work progressing further, reaching out to more and more families with the holistic transformation.

Enjoy your reading!

Kenneth Rwego

Executive Director Eden Mission

JAN-MAY IN NUMBERS

975

**New
Converts**

02

**Modules
Trained**

10

**Training
Centres**

1574

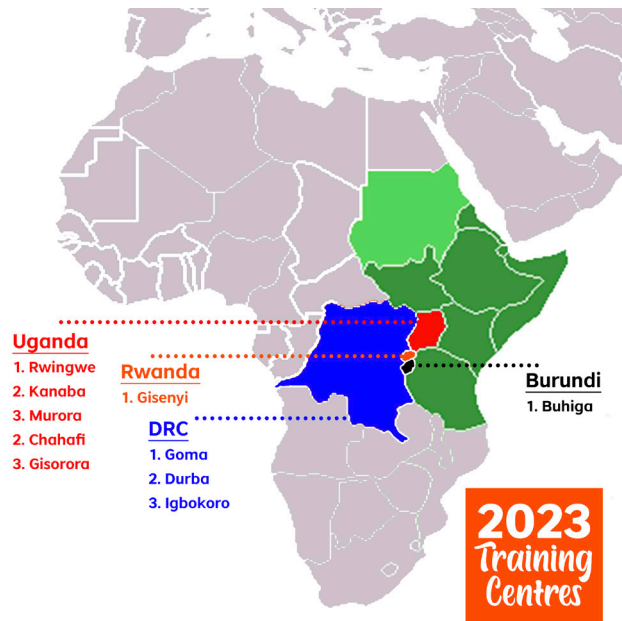
Trainees

New Centres and Expanded target Group

Introduction

Eden Mission has continued with its God given mandate of empowering families and transforming local communities through trainings in Spiritual Development, Christian Marriages, Physical Health and Godliness, Parenting and Child Development and Personal Business and Financial Development. The 10 targeted training centers are **Goma, Durba, Igbokoro** in the **DR Congo**; **Rwingwe, Kanaba, Murora, Chahafi, Gisorora** in **Uganda**; **Buhiga** in **Burundi** and **Gisenyi** in **Rwanda**.

We are living in a generation characterized by lack of commitment to family spiritual convictions, domestic violence, improper child upbringing, disastrous health decisions, economic crisis, and materialism. All these "waves" are targeting to cause havoc to the foundations of the Godly intended Family purpose. It is from this background that Eden mission has emphasized trainings to mitigate some of the prevailing socio-economic challenges. This however, calls for consolidated effort by Eden Mission friends, staff, and other stakeholders to sacrificially work towards its vision of promoting **Healthy Families, Glorifying God** and upholding the driving slogan **"Empower a Family change a Nation"**.



10 Training Centres
04 Different Nations

Burundi is the latest country that we have expanded to in 2023, reaching out to hundreds of couples with the 1-year family empowerment program having 5-modules

Accomplished Program Activities through May 2023

1.0 Vision casting meetings:

We had an opportunity to hold meetings with our partners and potential trainees from 10 training centers. During the meetings, we shared Eden mission vision, mission and the purpose for training

to the potential participants. They embraced the idea. The dates for the Vision casting meetings are indicated in the table below;

DATE	TRAINING CENTRE / GROUP	AREA OFFICE	COUNTRY
1-13-2023	Kanaba	Kigezi	Uganda
1-14-2023	Murora		
1-17-2023	Gisorora		
1-18-2023	Rwingwe		
1-26-2023	Buhiga	Burundi	Burundi
1-30-2023	Igbokolo	Kivu	DRC
2-1-2023	Durba		
2-3-2023	Chahafi	Kigezi	Uganda
2-6-2023	Gisenyi	Rwanda	Rwanda
2-7-2023	Goma	Kivu	DRC

2.0 Long term trainings:

In Uganda, this year we shifted from training mostly Pastors and their spouses to training couples in the communities. This has greatly increased the number of people going through our program. It has been important to begin with the training of the Pastors to help equip their communities as we follow up with home visits.

We completed trainings in Spiritual development which focuses on first, the gospel that brings salvation into the family and secondly, the invisible enemy of the family. As well as in Christian marriages that deals with strengthening intimate relationship between the married couples. We had two facilitators; Pastor Dr. Arthur Magezi and Pastor Vincent, who each trained in five centers.



Couples listening attentively during the training in Kisoro, Uganda



Couples pose for a photo after a training in Kisoro, Uganda

3.0 Home visitations:

This is an evaluation part of the program. After the successful completion of Spiritual development and Christian marriage modules, Eden Mission staff started an exercise of visiting couples who have

completed the training for additional discipleship, encouragement and prayer. From the field reports, it has been discovered that the trainings led to revival in most families!

4.0 Spiritual Renewal:

Testimonies about improved and restored team work, reconciliation, and forgiveness between the couples were given with confidence. A total of **975** of the community trainees committed their lives to the Lordship of Jesus Christ!

First Module: Spiritual Development

Training Centre	Number of Participants	Salvation commitment
Murora	225	60
Kanaba	278	59
Gisorora	259	83
Rwingwe	235	112
Chahafi	195	82
Durba	72	09
Igbokoro	88	18
Buhiga	80	16
Gisenyi	66	06
Goma	76	14
Total	1574	459

Second Module: Christian Marriages

Training Centre	Number of Participants	Salvation commitment
Murora	221	97
Kanaba	280	83
Gisorora	262	56
Rwingwe	237	114
Chahafi	203	105
Durba	76	18
Igbokoro	88	07
Buhiga	81	15
Gisenyi	58	08
Goma	66	13
Total	1572	516

A total of 975 out of the 1574 community trainees committed their lives to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. This indicates 61.94% of the trainees. We truly cant hold back the joy and the blessing of seeing such a great number coming to the knowledge of the truth of the word of God.

Expanding our Ministry

5.0 Economic Empowerment for families:

Kigezi area Program staff trained the management committees of all Six (6) active Eden Mission supported saving groups (Microfinances Groups) on matters of financial management and saving.

During the trainings, it was observed that many of them needed more skills on management of loans and group funds so as to more productively use the loans made available by Eden Mission.

Schedule for the meeting with SACCO Management Committees

NO.	Name of the saving group	Date of visit
1	Dom Clergy & Spouses Sacco	3-6-2023
2	Gahinga Duterimbere Association	3-14-2023
3	Kisoro Pentecostal Pastors & Spouses Sacco	3-15-2023
4	Kisoro Baptist Ministers Sacco	3-15-2023
5	Mugasogi Catholic Catechists Sacco	3-16-2023

Challenges And Prayer Request

Field Challenges

1.0 Poor Road Network:

In most of the program targeted areas, the roads are deteriorating daily and thereby becoming impassable. This has continually hampered the progress of home visits as it is a struggle to trek for miles along hilly slippery roads with rugged terrains. The nature of our roads in this year caused a terrible accident in which our only program vehicle got wrecked badly. We pray for provision of a strong field car that can manage these bad roads and the poor terrains of Uganda and Democratic Republic of Congo.

2.0 Insecurity:

Insecurity is still an issue of concern especially in Eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo where many inhabitants have been forced to vacate their places of residence. With many seeking safe refuge in different location, it's hard to gather them for any training, and assure them security. This resulted in the halting of some trainings in this part of the country from 2022 up to date. We pray and believe that peace shall prevail again in this region and we shall resume our trainings in empowering the families.

The ability to safely navigate the road conditions and Security are key elements to ensure accessibility in order for Eden Mission to reach and minister to the people groups in these regions. A proper all-terrain vehicle would greatly improve our mobility and security in order to handle the challenging terrain and help provide access for our programs in these areas.

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