

Burundi Unitarian refugees in East Africa need your help

In 2015, the Unitarian Church of Bujumbura in Burundi was targeted by the government and half of the Church membership fled the country and went to neighboring countries for safety. They are now mostly in Rwanda and Kenya with some settled in Canada, USA and Europe. These refugees are part of a population of 400,000 people who had to flee Burundi in 2015.

UUs around the world have been on the side of Burundian refugees and provided food, shelter and scholarships for those who could go back to school.

The situation is not improving and is actually getting entrenched with additional judiciary killings, arbitrary imprisonment and kidnappings still being carried out by government services. The support is still needed.

We have two (2) houses in Rwanda in which refugees live together and other refugees who live on their own usually for reasons of studies. We have a total of 20 refugees that receive regular support.

There are many ways for individuals and congregations to be involved:

1. Congregations can hold special collections in support of shelter and food and other basic needs for refugees
2. Individuals can :
 - Sponsor a refugee by contributing a monthly donation of \$30 (this amount covers rent and food per refugee for a week).
 - Sponsor a student with \$130 per month for tuition, lodging and accommodation.
 - Contribute to our small business fund to support refugees with business ideas.

Rev. Fulgence Ndagijimana, who served the congregation in Burundi is still supporting the refugees by responding to their spiritual and material needs.

Under his leadership, a Canadian registered charity, FLAMING CHALICE INTERNATIONAL #72537 8327 RR0001, was recently set up to support this work.

To be involved in the work and for additional details, please get in touch with Rev. Fulgence Ndagijimana:

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