



REPORT TO TWR-CANADA

TRANS WORLD RADIO BURUNDI (KIMBUNDU LANGUAGE) FIRST SEMESTER 2009

I. INTRODUCTION

This ministry impact report shows the utmost importance of the two programs of TWR Burundi ministry, sponsored by TWR Canada. These programs are:

- a) *"Good News for All"* that is in Kirundi – *"Inkuru Nziza kuri Bose (INKB)"*;
- b) *"Jesus is the Answer"* that is *"Yesu ni Inyishu (YNI)"*.

Through these two programs, the impact of TWR Burundi is considerable for the following two main reasons:

-These two programs are among the most outstanding ones which deal with the spiritual aspect of our ministry as mentioned in the section below on the ministry highlights.

-These two programs are aired on National Radio which covers the whole country and can reach about 7 millions listeners.

Therefore, these program are particularly helpful to the Burundi population and have a very large audience in the Burundi community.

II. MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS.

- The ministry of TWR Burundi started in 1993 and broadcasts very helpful programs.
- The program *"Good News for All,"* sponsored by TWR Canada, is broadcast each Saturday from 3.00 to 4.00 p.m. in the Kirundi language as we have not yet put forward our own FM station.

- We take the first 30 minutes of the program for passing greetings on behalf of the listeners who keep on sending greeting cards to TWR Burundi and the other 30 minutes for a biblical message.
- This program dates from 1963. Before TWR Burundi was born, the program was aired on the former Christian radio called RADIO CORDAC, which operated in Burundi from 1963 and was stopped in 1977. So, the program was resuscitated in 1992 with the creation of TWR Burundi.
- More and more, we are receiving a great deal of feedback which reaches us regularly through telephone calls, lots of sms messages and listener's letters.
- The program of *"Jesus is the Answer,"* also sponsored by TWR Canada, is aired every Sunday from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. on National Radio. It is a program which targets spiritual, moral and social development of the youth, but is helpful for all the layers of the population.
- It tackles different subjects which the youth face in the light of the Scriptures. This program has contributed to the salvation of people, even those who are not from the youth. In reality, the program comes to be about "Jesus, The Answer for All", not only for the youth.
- We receive reports from all the regions of the country and some parts of Rwanda, DRC and Tanzania speaking of people who are significantly impacted by this program.

III. MINISTRY RESULTS (LISTENERS' RESPONSE)

We record the ministry results through these programs by looking at our listeners' response by letter writing, telephone calls and visits to our office. We also receive feedback when our staff members go for evangelical visits to different churches or schools. And all the feedback comes not only from Burundi but also from our neighbouring countries where our national radio can reach. Below are some of reactions.

A listener from Ruyigi area in the East of Burundi called in to express his happiness for this program. He said, *"I'm very happy to hear this program is very helpful because it always gives deep messages for my life. I do my best not to miss it whenever it is aired."*

Two shopkeepers in Bwiza city in Bujumbura met with a member of TWR Burundi staff and shared with her how helpful the INKB program had been for

them. They said, *"We praise the Lord who gave us such a great opportunity to be fed with the good news through radio. Our employers don't allow us to attend church services on Saturdays, and it is at that moment that we turn our radio on to listen to this powerful program, namely 'Good News for All.' We only regret the program is on air for a short time. Half an hour is not enough for us to get what we would otherwise learn when we attend church services."*

A listener from Bugenyuzi wrote to the producer of INKB and said, *"I write to thank you very much for emission dated 09th May, 2009, about the way we should use our resources and wealth. God bless you so much!"*

A listener living in Kinindo in Bujumbura called the producer of "Jesus is the Answer" and said, *"I'm a faithful listener of YNI and am very comforted by the testimonies that I hear. I also have accepted to follow Jesus in my life and I would like to walk with Him till the end of my life. Pray for me, I want a future spouse who is saved".*

A listener from Rumonge called in and said, *"I'm pleased to let you know that your program of YNI reaches us here a hundred percent and we are very much blessed."*

A listener from Nyanza Lac came to our office to see the producer of "Jesus Is the Answer" and said, *"I am from a Muslim family but I am a faithful listener of your program. I feel I have to receive Jesus as my Saviour in my life. I asked my husband to be changed so that he also takes that decision but in vain. Pray for me as I have decided to quit the Islamic religion. And I would like to meet you to talk about it so that I could see how to do."*

IV. PRAYER POINTS

- The first prayer point is that we be able to establish our own FM station soon. This supposes that we have enough financial means to do so.
- The second prayer point is about the possibility of building our own office as we have a plot that TWR Burundi acquired with the facilities offered by the civil engineering services of Burundi Government.
- Another prayer point is that we could have better working conditions for the staff.