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Answering the Call: Discipleship, Empowerment, and the Transformative Power of the Gospel in Burundi

When Jesus called His disciples, He said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19). This powerful invitation was not just for the twelve disciples but for all who would follow Him throughout history. It is a call to action—a command to share the life-changing message of the Gospel and to make disciples who will, in turn, disciple others. As the Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2). This is the heartbeat of the Great Commission: multiplication, transformation, and the spread of God's Kingdom. Today, this biblical mandate is being lived out in extraordinary ways through the faithful work of Pastor Oled Ndayisenga and Christian Life Ministries (CLM) in Burundi. Alongside his wife and a team of dedicated ministry leaders, Pastor Oled is not only sharing the Gospel but also equipping young adults with the tools they need to thrive spiritually, socially, and economically. Pastor Oled and his church have a deep love for their community. They understand that true discipleship goes beyond preaching—it involves meeting people where they are and addressing their holistic needs. In Burundi, where many young adults face the dual challenges of spiritual hunger and economic hardship, CLM is shining as a beacon of hope. Through their ministry, countless young people are coming to know Christ, and they are also being empowered to provide for themselves and their families.

Over the past month, Inspire Ministries has had the incredible privilege of partnering with Pastor Oled and CLM to support their mission. This collaboration is a testament to how God weaves together His people for His purposes. Recently, I had the opportunity to conduct a training seminar titled \*Ready for Work 2025\* for the California Placement Association, which serves the California community college system. This seminar focused on the top 15 soft skills in high demand globally, as identified by Forbes and the World Economic Forum.

What's remarkable is that all truth is God's truth. The skills shared in this workshop—ranging from communication and teamwork to problem-solving and adaptability—are not just valuable for the workforce; they are tools that can empower individuals to live out their God-given potential. Recognizing this, Pastor Oled eagerly embraced the training materials and is now adapting them to the unique context of Burundi. Through his leadership, CLM will offer this free training resource to the young adults in their community, equipping them with skills that will open doors to employment and entrepreneurship.

## Adorning the Gospel with Good Works

This initiative is more than just vocational training—it's a powerful way to adorn the Gospel with good works. As these young adults gain practical skills, they will also witness the love of Christ in action. They will see that the Gospel is not just about eternal salvation but also about transforming lives here and now. By meeting both spiritual and practical needs, CLM is demonstrating the holistic nature of God's Kingdom.

Pastor Oled's vision is a shining example of what it means to "teach a man to fish." He is not only sharing the Good News but also equipping his people to thrive in every area of life. This is discipleship at its finest—raising up faithful men and women who will go on to impact their communities and beyond.



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1. Christian-Based Grief and Trauma Counseling

- Service: Weekly counseling for individuals and families navigating grief, trauma, and major life issues.

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2. Christian Coaching and Consulting for Leaders and Organizations

- Service: Guidance for leaders and organizations to align their vision, mission, and values with their God-given calling.

- Impact: Empowers leaders to make decisions rooted in biblical principles, fostering integrity, effectiveness, and Kingdom impact. This service strengthens churches, ministries, and organizations to fulfill their divine purpose and positively influence their communities.

3. Preaching the Gospel and Teaching the Bible

- Service: Charles is regularly called to preach and teach in Vinia Churches and other churches across the United States, as well as through special events and programs.

- Impact: Spreads the message of salvation and discipleship, equipping believers to grow in their faith and share the Gospel with others. This public proclamation of the Gospel transforms lives, strengthens congregations, and advances the Kingdom of God.

4. Support for Special Events and Programs

- Service: Partnering with churches and organizations to host events and programs that proclaim the Gospel.

- Impact: Creates opportunities for evangelism, community building, and spiritual growth. These events reach diverse audiences, bringing people closer to Christ and fostering unity within the body of believers.

Through these services, Inspire Ministries (IM) is making a profound impact in the Name of Jesus Christ by addressing spiritual, emotional, and practical needs. Donors and supporters play a vital role in enabling these ministries to thrive, ensuring that the Gospel is shared, lives are transformed, and God's love is demonstrated in tangible ways.





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