

Presbyterian Church of Rwanda (PCR)

PCR's roots date back to 1907 when German missionaries came to Rwanda with Tanzanian Evangelists. The Church became autonomous in 1959.

Currently PCR is composed of 96 parishes, 300,000 members, and 95 pastors.

Since the genocide much emphasis has been placed on the preparation of the younger generation in peace-building and reconciliation, while the church also faces the challenge of caring for the many orphans and widows.

Protestant Institute of Arts and Social Sciences (PIASS)

- PIASS is an accredited Christian Institution of higher learning in Butare, Southern Province of Rwanda.
- Since its founding in 1970 by 5 Rwandan Protestant churches, the Faculty of Theology has graduated 350 students who are now contributing in the development of the whole country. Future graduates from PIASS will continue on the same path in larger number.
- The Institute, which opened in 2010, expanded to include faculties of Education and Development Studies in addition to the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies.



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THEOLOGY STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIPS



*Preparing pastors to spreading the
Good News of Jesus Christ
to poverty stricken farmers
throughout Rwanda,
while engaging in concrete actions of
human and social development.*



PASTORS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED

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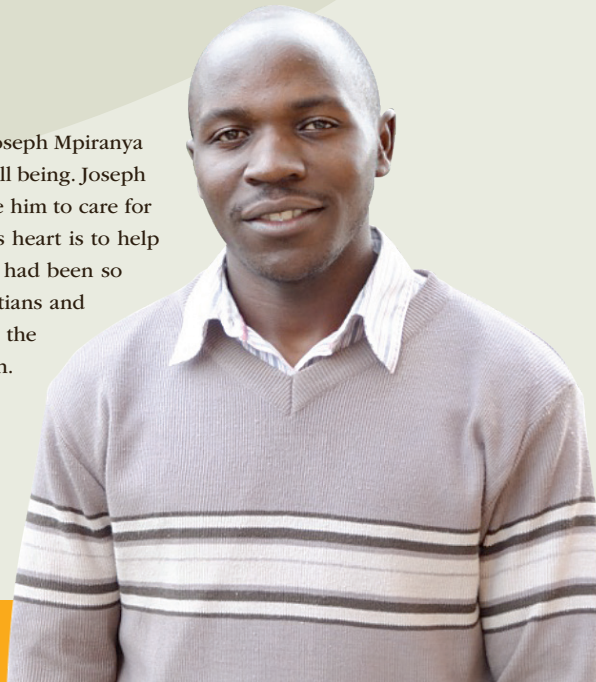


ANGELIQUE MUKANKUMBURWA

Angelique is the oldest of six children. She is in her first year at PIASS, the first in her family to attend college. Both her parents are subsistence farmers in a rural area of Rwanda. She was humbled when she was nominated by her church to study for the ministry. They saw her faith and her desire to serve God. She was thrilled when she was accepted at PIASS. Her parents are active church members and have encouraged her in her Christian life and in her studies, but can't do much to support her financially. She is eager to share her faith with others and to praise God, especially with singing. That is what she did at home and that is what led her to want to study to be a pastor. She is a member of two of the choirs on campus. She was recently elected a deacon at the English-speaking chapel near PIASS. Her desire is to serve God as she saw the pastor in her community do. He and her parents have encouraged her and been models for her. Her desire is to serve God faithfully. She is trusting God for the financial resources to be able to continue in her studies.

In August of 2012, his mother died. Just a month later his father died, leaving Joseph Mpiranya the head of the family, responsible for his three young sisters' education and well being. Joseph was just beginning his second year at PIASS. He prays and trusts God to enable him to care for his sisters and still finish school and be ordained as a pastor. The desire of his heart is to help others to know God more fully. That was Joseph's parents wish for him. They had been so proud when he was accepted to train for the ministry. They were devout Christians and both elders in their church. As simple farmers, they struggled to provide for the daily needs of their family, but they had saved to help Joseph with his education. Joseph wants to be like his parents in their faith. When he was accepted at PIASS, everyone was thrilled. But now, with having to care for his sisters, his future is uncertain. He continues to study hard, to sing in the choir, to participate in church as a deacon, and to care for his sisters. He is confident that the God who called him will be the God who provides for him.

JOSEPH MPIRANYA



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Three quarters of PIASS theology students receive scholarships allowing them to pay their tuition, accommodation and meals fees. PCR is unable to send additional candidates because of financial limitation.

COSTS FOR ONE YEAR PER STUDENT:

Tuition fees for one year: 700USD

Accommodation, food, books, living allowance: 650USD

Administration costs: 50USD

TOTAL: 1,400USD

COSTS FOR FULL EDUCATION PER STUDENT:

Tuition fees: 2,800USD

Accommodation, food, books, living allowance: 2,600USD

Administrative costs: 200USD

TOTAL: 5,600USD

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