

Clergy Message

Dear UCE Donors,

Greetings from UCE Burundi in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I am privileged to be the Burundi Director for nearly 11 years now with UCE, an organization that, as you know, focuses mainly on helping people prosper spiritually and physically through chastity commitments and faithfulness in marriage.

Upon equipping our mission in 2005, we immediately exceeded our expectations through outreaches in schools, parishes and communities. We are proud of the results. More than 170 schools were visited in person, and 65,069 students signed the abstinence commitment cards. Twenty five parishes have been checked off the list since then, and 8,684 young people who do not attend school willingly made a commitment to chastity by signing the abstinence cards. Ten communities alongside Lake Tanganyika embraced our outreaches, and some of them dedicated their lives not only to UCE but also to Jesus Christ and later on joined the Church. Not only are we restoring bodies; we are restoring souls!

There was an HIV testing campaign in 2016 in our region, from which an incredible reduction in HIV prevalence was recorded in schools dropping from 3.6 to 2.55%. The success of UCE Burundi relies on 4 things:

- The generous donors who tirelessly continue supporting the program. We encourage them to remain steadfast and enable us to extend this program where it has not yet reached. There still remains a large portion of the country that desperately needs to hear the UCE message.
- The commitment, courage, and determination of the UCE teams
- The encouraging letters and visits of the Executive Director
- And most importantly, the warriors in prayer. You are indeed warriors.

May God bless our sponsors and donors, and may God bless the UCE family worldwide.

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*We must combat HIV by
facing evil head on.*