

About bridge 1 training in DRC Congo(Bukavu)



Congo a country in central Africa is considered as one of the most difficult countries to reach by many missionaries because of its instability for many years. Though the country is rich in minerals and many other Natural resouces it remains one of the poorest and most dificult country to Evangelize. Its considered a Christian nation and yet remains one af the poorest and failed countries in Africa. Bridge 1 Training was seen by those in the training as rays of hope for this country where hopelessnes is the order of life. when you walk in the villages of Congo you see desperation from many of the Congolese. For some times we have trained Congolese leaders in bridges with the goal of seeing them reach their own country for Jesus by using Bible Story telling to make disciples and plant simple sustainable churches.



After several training of the Congolese in neighbouring countries this year the First Training was held in



Bukavu (14th- 18th December 2017) The training was attended by 26 people from different corners of Bukavu and the sorounding areas.

Those in attendance recieved the training with Joy and communicating the Gospel to oral cultures became great news for them. Congolese are musical culturally and the training was so helpful for them to know that now they can use music to memorize scriptures and tell God's stories in their communities.

The Training was characterized by songs and dance while people engaged in group discussions on how to reach their own through storytelling.

While the training was attended by mojority women, there were 7 men and young university students who were so encouraged to discover that God can use them to reach out to their families and friends as missionaries in their own country.

They were so much grateful to SIU for supporting the training and indicated that they were going to pioneer Church planting movement for their own people.

BUKAVU BRIDGE 1 TRAINING STORY IN PICTURES



Grassroot Church planters training session



Learning the structure of the story practice



Learning how to use Drama for sharing the Gospel



Memorizing scriptures



Modeling the dialogue style of Jesus as a story Teller



Memorizing the scriptures



A policeman during the training



Training session

Testimonies From the Training

After the training there was time to interact with the trainees and to hear the feedback of the training and how they were going to apply what they learned. Below are just a few of the testimonies after the training



Garcin Ekanga
Team Leader DRC Congo

I am the founder of African Mission -Miji na Vijiji (cities and villages). With our vision to reach our Country Congo with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, this training is very helpful. It has empowered our people to go out and tell God's story to all people in a simple and sustainable way. We love music here in our country and now we will use that to tell the Bible stories to our people. thank you for your support



Ann Lucie
Disciple Maker

"Women are always not involved in preaching the Gospel through this training i have learnt that now i can reach to my fellow women and lead them to Christ. I will start in my family and neighbourhood to share with them what i have learnt. Thank you very much for this training. I can now reach my country with by telling stories of Jesus?".



Baba Neema (Disciple maker)

"Thank you for the training. I have learnt about the vision of God for my people now i can use bible stories to lead them to Christ. There are many problems in my country and Jesus is our hope. i have been a christian for many years without bringing anyone to Christ now i believe that God will use me through this simple strategy"



Natalie

University Student/Disciple Maker

"After attending this training am now empowered to reach out to others in my community. I was already involved in Making disciples but i really like this new strategy of using storying to communicate the Gospel".

Just one week after the training, Natali baptized a new disciple in Lake Kivu. There were 6 other university students in the training. Our prayer is that God will use these young people as new story tellers of Congo and bring many to Christ.