



# THE CITYLIGHT

The official Magazine and Impact Report of Foursquare Gospel Church, Rwanda



**...raising people who  
make a difference**





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**OUR**

# **VISION**

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*...transforming believers  
who are disciplined  
to serve*



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*...provide a nurturing environment where  
individuals can find guidance, support and  
a sense of belonging, while fostering  
a deep connection with god and the community*


As we launch this first edition of "The CityLight," I am filled with joy and anticipation for what lies ahead. This magazine is not just a publication but a beacon of hope, knowledge, and inspiration for our community. The theme for this inaugural issue, "Raising People Who Make Difference," resonates deeply with our mission as a church. In Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus tells us, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden".

These words remind us of our calling to be a transformative force in the world, shining brightly with the love and truth of Christ. Our journey towards making a difference begins with understanding our identity in Christ. Ephesians 2:10 declares, "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Each one of us is uniquely crafted by God, endowed with gifts and talents meant to serve and uplift others. By embracing our God-given purpose, we become instruments of His grace and power, impacting our families, communities, and beyond.


To raise a people who make a difference, we must cultivate a culture of discipleship and mentorship within our


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church. By investing in each other's spiritual growth, we create an environment where everyone is encouraged to develop their potential and step into their God-ordained roles.

Mentorship equips individuals with skills and knowledge and fosters a sense of accountability and support.

As followers of Christ, we must be at the forefront of addressing societal issues, providing practical help, and speaking out for the voiceless. Our faith in action becomes a testimony of God's love and justice to a watching world.

Let us be reminded that our impact is not measured by the magnitude of our actions but by the faithfulness with which we serve. Galatians 6:9 encourages us, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Every act of kindness, every moment of prayer, and every step of obedience contributes to God's greater plan.

As we embark on this journey together, I urge each of you to embrace your role in God's kingdom. Let us be diligent in our pursuit of righteousness, bold in our witness, and steadfast in our love for one another. Together, we can raise a generation that truly makes a difference, shining the light of Christ in every corner of our world.

May "The City Light" be a source of encouragement, guidance, and inspiration for all. May it ignite a passion within us to live out our faith with purpose and conviction, always striving to make a difference for the glory of God.

Blessings,

Bishop Prof. Fidele Masengo, PhD

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# Let's

# Reflect

**B**eloved, greetings in Jesus' name!

As we reflect on the City Light Foursquare Gospel Church and the achievements through the annual report 2023, there is a lot to appreciate. As your senior pastor, I wish to commend everyone's love and commitment in the ministry and surely your zeal is not in vain (*... and let us not be weary in well-doing for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. So then, as we have opportunity, let us work that which is good toward all men, especially toward them that are of the household of the faith, Galatians 6: 9-10*).

It is, and will remain our responsibility together to fulfill the Great Commission and through fostering spiritual growth and development.

We very much appreciate the concerted efforts from everyone in the seven (7) respective departments and units leading the congregation in worship and praise, nurturing a culture of reverence and adoration.

- **Pastoral Care/Fellowship:** Extending Christ's love and compassion through pastoral care, support, and fostering a community of genuine

fellowship and belonging.

- **Christian Education/Discipleship:** Equipping believers with biblical knowledge, fostering spiritual growth, and nurturing disciples who passionately live out their faith.
- **Evangelism, Outreach, and Social Welfare:** Evangelism, community outreach services done with the love of Christ, and actively addressing social needs with compassion and action.
- **Family Life:** Strengthening families and couples, providing resources and support for parenting, and nurturing healthy, Christ-centered relationships.
- **Administration, Finance, and Fundraising:** Ensuring the efficient functioning of our church operations, stewarding financial resources with integrity, and facilitating fundraising initiatives to support ministry endeavors.
- **Communication:** Effectively communicating the message of the Gospel, facilitating seamless information flow within the congregation, and utilizing various media platforms to amplify our impact.

Everyone and all leaders tirelessly worked together, exemplifying the love of Christ with excellence in their respective areas of focus. We celebrate the milestones achieved, share testimonies of lives transformed, and express gratitude for the unwavering support of our congregation.

May this milestones serve as a testament to God's faithfulness and the fruitfulness of our collective efforts as we move forward in faith, hope, and love.

In Christ's service,

Bishop Prof. Fidèle MASENGO PhD

Senior Pastor



# HERE TO WORSHIP



Our worship amplifies our congregation's spiritual journey, guiding us into the presence of God through heartfelt worship and praise. We explore all avenues and programs to lift up the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Our Music, Songs** and our worship services create the atmosphere where hearts are stirred to exalt the name of Jesus through music and song.

**Even our approach to Large Gathering** is meticulously planned and executed to create an environment conducive to worship and spiritual encounter.

**The technicality of the Sound Control** and even the behind the scenes, work to ensure clarity and balance in sound, allowing the congregation to engage fully in the worship experience without distraction.

**Ushering and Security:** Serving as the welcoming face of our church, this unit ensures the safety and comfort of all attendees, while also facilitating the smooth flow

In 2023, the church organized two big conferences tagged The Youth Connection and Africa Ignite Connection organized in August to September 2023. More than 4000 people attended each of the programs. The Ignite Connection attracted 100 guest from abroad. A big number of our guests came from House of Transformation, Nairobi, Kenya.



We also successfully recorded and released two (2) captivating songs, contributing to our artistic expression and outreach efforts.

On January 27, 2023, the church organized 24 hours of praise and worship. Other notable achievements include;

- Team Retreat was held which fosters unity, creativity, and team synergy.
- 25 new members were welcomed in Joyous Melody Worship Team.
- Joyously celebrated 5 weddings within Joyous Melody, cherishing moments of love and



of activities during worship services.

Anchoring our worship in the power of prayer, we **intercedes** on behalf of the congregation, lifting up needs, burdens, and praises before the throne of grace.

**Our language and interpretation** embraces the diversity within our congregation to bridge language barriers through interpretation so that all worshippers can fully engage in the worship experience.

Our worship team and leaders work harmoniously to create an atmosphere where God is glorified, hearts are transformed, and lives are renewed through the power of worship.

## Key Achievements in 2023

commitment.

- Providing essential Social Support to the members demonstrating the love of Christ and ministering to the well-being of team members.
- Delivered impeccable protocol services to 250 services, 9 overnights, and various special events like crusades and conferences, ensuring seamless and dignified proceedings.



# ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE AND FUND-RAISING

The Administration, Finance, and Fund raising remains the backbone of our church's operational efficiency and financial stewardship delivering effective management of resources and facilitates strategic planning to support the ministry's mission and vision:

There was significant improvement in our administration, estate management, and human resources. Managing church facilities and properties better helps with the smooth operations and fosters a conducive work environment for staff and volunteers alike.

The church financial was conducted successfully. All statutory and tax filing and payment were done diligently. The church building, the conveniences and the church premises were kept clean.

In 2023, two projects were undertaken to provide water for the people as part of our community impact service at Kamonyi in Southern Province and also in Gasabo district.

**The Planning and MEAL (Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability & Learning)**

ensures that our ministry initiatives aligned with our strategic goals, and their outcomes are effectively measured and evaluated for continuous improvement.

## **Achievements**

Extension of church auditorium to accommodate 500 seats more.

Two new office rooms were built

Led impactful

church renovation efforts, enhancing the place of worship for the community.

Raised substantial funds for both church renovation and City Light Dream House construction, demonstrating exceptional fundraising skills.

In 2024, plans are underway to construct City Light Dream House, a beacon of hope and community.



**The old church**



**The new church**

# Pastoral Care & Fellowship

The Pastoral Care/Fellowship Department plays a pivotal role in nurturing the spiritual well-being and fostering a sense of belonging within our congregation. Pastoral care department includes the following units;

## **New Members**

Dedicated to extending a warm welcome and providing guidance to individuals who are new to our church community, the New Members Ministry ensures that newcomers feel valued, connected, and equipped for their journey of faith within our church family.

## **Congregation Care**

With a heart for serving and ministering to the needs of our congregation, the Congregation Care offers pastoral support, prayer, and practical assistance to individuals and families facing various challenges, ensuring that no one walks alone through life's trials.

## **Cell Groups**

Recognizing the importance of community and discipleship, the Cell Group Team facilitates small group gatherings where members can cultivate deeper relationships, study God's Word together,

and encourage one another in their spiritual growth journey.

## **Deacons**

Serving with humility and compassion, the Deacons Ministry is tasked with meeting the practical needs of our church community, whether it be through acts of service, assistance with logistical matters, or providing aid to those in times of crisis.

In all, a nurturing and supportive environment was created where every member feels loved, cared for, and empowered to thrive in their walk with Christ.

## **Key Achievements**

- 317 new members joined the church from January 17 to October 28, 2023
- 250 individuals were baptized after being introduced to the elementary teachings of Christ on salvation and baptism
- One new teacher was recruited for the new believers' ministry
- Cell teachings on various topics were prepared by the department
- 40.6% attendance was recorded in cell meetings
- Event encompassed all aspects of the church membership/participants including women, family, youth, intercessors, pastors, leaders, and evangelism



# We Educate & Disciple

The Christian Education/Discipleship is committed to nurturing spiritual growth and equipping believers with the knowledge and tools to deepen their relationship with Christ. This department comprises several specialized ministries and units, each designed to cater to the specific needs and stages of spiritual development within our congregation.

## **Children**

Dedicated to laying a strong foundation of faith in the hearts of our youngest members, the church provides engaging and age-appropriate programs that introduce children to the love of Jesus and help them grow in their understanding of biblical truths.

## **Teens**

Focused on guiding adolescents through the challenges of adolescence while strengthening their faith and character, the Teens Team offers relevant teachings, mentorship, and opportunities for teens to connect with God and each other in meaningful ways.

## **Foundational Class:**

Designed for new believers and those seeking to establish a solid foundation in the Christian faith, the Foundational Class provides essential teachings on salvation, baptism, and the fundamental principles of the Christian walk.

## **iRooted/Maturity Class:**

Catering to believers who desire to grow deeper in their faith and spiritual maturity, the Rooted/Maturity Class offers advanced teachings, discipleship resources, and opportunities for deeper fellowship and accountability.

## **Discovering my Gift Class:**

Helping believers identify and develop their spiritual gifts and talents, the Discovering my Gift Class equips individuals to serve effectively in ministry and fulfill their God-given purpose within the body of Christ.

## **Syllabus Production**

A comprehensive curriculum materials, study guides, and resources was designed to facilitate effective teaching and learning experiences across all ministry programs.

In all of this, the Christian Education/Discipleship work tirelessly to provide holistic and transformative discipleship experiences for believers to live out their faith boldly and impact their world for Christ.

## **Key Achievements**

- Provided 85% oversight for sub-departments during plan implementation.
- Offered spiritual and emotional support to sub-department leaders at a rate of 75% through one-on-one interactions with the head of the department.
- Ensured 75% availability of resources for sub-department activities.
- Trained Health professionals in September 2023
- Conducted weekly bible teachings, vacation bible study, and Christmas celebration achieving 100% participation respectively.
- Edified 100 children during weekly teachings, 146 during vacation bible study, and 198 during Christmas celebration.
- Conducted weekly bible teachings, vacation bible study, and Christmas celebration with participation from 30, 20, and 40 teenagers respectively.
- Prepared weekly cell teachings.
- Collaborated with New Believers' ministry to prepare and baptize 250 new members.
- Recruited a new teacher for the ministry.
- The Foursquare Academy experienced increase in the number of students and teachers and new classes were added and started



# EVANGELISM

The Evangelism, Outreach, and Social Welfare spreads the message of God's love, extending compassion to the marginalized, and meeting the practical needs of our local and global communities. Within this department, several specialized units work tirelessly to fulfill our mandate of proclaiming the Gospel and demonstrating Christ's love through action.

## **Evangelism Crusades**

Engaged in fervent proclamation of the Gospel, the Evangelism Crusades Unit organizes and executes evangelistic campaigns, crusades, and outreach events aimed at reaching the lost and inviting them into a life-transforming relationship with Jesus Christ.

## **Community Outreaches**

Focused on local mission, the Community Outreach seeks to impact our immediate surroundings by meeting tangible needs, offering practical assistance, and fostering relationships with individuals and families in our neighborhoods.

## **Missions to Foreigners Unit**

Committed to fulfilling the Great Commission on a global scale, the Missions to Foreigners reach out to foreign communities, immigrants, and refugees within our city and outside the country, offering support, friendship, and opportunities to encounter the love of Christ.

## **Charity and Mercy Ministry**

Guided by compassion and mercy, the Charity and Mercy extends practical assistance, relief aid, and social support to the vulnerable, disadvantaged, and marginalized members of our society, embodying the love and compassion of Christ in tangible ways.

In essence, the need to bridge the gap between the Gospel message and the practical needs of individuals and communities remains our goal. We do everything to demonstrate God's love in

both word and deed

## **Key Achievements**

- Conducted evangelism outreach in Youth conference, women conference, and 40 days prayer and fasting events.
- Successfully implemented radio evangelism through the community outreach unit.
- Social welfare/charity and mercy ministry unit disbursed 6,069,000 RWF to assist the needy, fulfilling their planned activities.
- Paid health insurance for beneficiaries.
- Covered secondary school fees for children.
- Distributed food to various families during festive seasons.
- Provided support and condolences to church members who experienced loss.

## **Planned activities and events in 2024**

- Organize a youth conference, a women conference, and a 40-day prayer and fasting event in 2024.
- Conduct church visitations and follow-up/coordination activities throughout the year.
- Schedule 4 sub-department meetings for planning and coordination purposes.
- Continue radio evangelism initiatives.
- Increase in the numbers of health insurance for the less privileged.
- Cover school fees for beneficiaries.
- Share the love of Christ with the needy during festive seasons.
- Provide assistance to individuals with various needs.





The Family is the cornerstone of our church community, dedicated to nurturing and supporting families in every stage of life. Within this department, various ministries cater to the diverse needs and dynamics of our church family, fostering growth, connection, and spiritual enrichment.

### Youth Engagement

In the course of the year, we focused on engaging, equipping, and empowering young people to grow in their faith and live out their calling as Disciples of Christ,



the Youth Ministry provides dynamic programs, events, and discipleship opportunities tailored to the unique needs of adolescents and young adults.

### Men's Fellowship

Providing a space for fellowship, encouragement, and growth, the Men's Ministry equips men to lead with integrity, faithfulness, and godly wisdom in their families, workplaces, and communities through mentorship, discipleship, and accountability.

**Women's** Union Empowering women to flourish in their God-given identity and purpose, the Women's Ministry offers opportunities for spiritual growth, fellowship, and service, creating a supportive community where women can deepen their

relationship with Christ and one another.

**Couples' and Marriage** strengthening provides resources, counseling, and events designed to enrich communication, intimacy, and spiritual unity within marriages, equipping couples to navigate life's challenges with grace and resilience.

**The Elderly Fellowship** recognizes the value and wisdom of our elderly members, where we honor and support seniors through fellowship, caregiving, and spiritual enrichment, ensuring that they feel cherished, valued, and included in the life of the church community.

Our Family Life focuses on building strong, resilient families and individuals who are rooted in Christ, thriving in community, and equipped to impact the world with God's love.

### Key Achievements

- 37 applicants completed all eight sessions in Christian marriage preparation lessons and were successfully wedded.
- A marriage preparation manual was produced and made available in English. It is now translated into Kinyarwanda awaiting review and printing.
- Citylight Foursquare Church now has produced and provided guidelines for weddings for members and non-members.
- Foursquare Family Life Holistic Curriculum encompassing education for various groups like youth, men, women, and newly married couples, with diverse themes was also produced.
- Men Fellowship ably led by Elder MAHIRWE Moise, offered support to church members facing

# COMMUNICATION

Communication serves as the vital link between our church and the broader community, facilitating effective communication, engagement, and outreach initiatives. Within this department, a diverse array of ministries and units work together to convey our message with clarity, creativity, and impact. Harnessing the power of visual and digital media through the production of engaging contents, including videos, graphics, and presentations, to enhance worship experiences, share testimonies, and amplify the message of the Gospel across various social media platforms.

We leverage strongly on technology to streamline communication processes and enhance connectivity. Our digital infrastructures, websites, social media platforms and communication tools ensure we deliver seamless communication flow within the church community and beyond.

Our service delivery to foreigners embraces diversity and inclusivity facilitating translation services and resources to effectively communicate the Gospel message to individuals from diverse linguistic



backgrounds, fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment for all.

Our Church branding strategy upholds and enhances the image of Christ in our church. This involves monitoring public perception, managing media

relations, and implementing strategies to promote a positive image of our church within the community, fostering trust and credibility.

Our church effectively communicates its mission, values, and activities, fostering connection, engagement, and impact both locally and globally.

## Key Achievements



- Streamed all weekly services, totaling 260 services, including 9 overnights.
- Served in Youth Connection, 40 Days of Prayers and Fasting, 2023 Africa Ignite Connection, 21 Days of Prayers and Fasting, and 7 Days of Morning Glory events in 2023.
- Gained 14.7 thousand additional subscribers.
- Reached over 50 countries worldwide through the YouTube Channel, with top countries including Rwanda, United States of America, Kenya, Burundi, Canada, and United Kingdom.
- Church programs were viewed a total of 1,955,770 times in 2023. (27% of the online audience falls between 18 and 24 years old, while 45% are between 25 and 34, and 19.4% are between 35 and 44.)
- Contributed to the sharing of the Gospel on social media platforms.
- Archived videos and photos for church activities (20%).
- Trained and deployed approximately 10 new members.
- Conducted quarterly planning meetings and monthly team prayers.
- Held a Team Retreat with Media and ICT Ministries in September in Rubavu.
- Projected song lyrics and sermons (20%).
- Maintained vMix software for livestreaming.
- Translated Bishop's morning devotions into English (95%).

## Support Required

- Help through purchase of equipment, television monitors, cloud storage capacity and laptop for editing photos and videos.





Africa Ignite Conference in Pictures



PROGRAMS







# SUNDAY

## Services

**1st Service: 8:00am -10:00am**

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**2nd Service: 11:00 am - 1:30pm**

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**3rd Service: 3:00pm - 8:00pm**

### WEEKLY PROGRAMS

#### THURSDAYS

Home Cells Fellowship

6pm to 8pm

#### FRIDAYS

Worship Service

5:30 pm to 8 pm

#### MONDAYS

Women Fellowship

5:30 pm to 8pm

#### WEDNESDAYS

AGATATU 2 pm to 8pm