

## Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations (HHTN)

*"...Shalom, shalom to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the LORD; and I will heal him." Isaiah 57:19*

Dear Friend,

Greetings in the name of Jesus, our Healer and Reconciler.

It is a great blessing to share with you how God has worked through HHTN across the world in the first quarter of 2025. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support that continue to fuel this ministry.

### HHTN IN EUROPE

The **European School of Reconciliation (EUSOR) 2025** was an idea birthed in Geneva in 2024 by Bethany Serengheu, the Coordinator of the Peace and Reconciliation Network – Europe.

Romania was identified as the ideal location to reach the Roma communities, long marginalised, as well as refugees from Ukraine fleeing the ongoing war, alongside other peoples from Eastern Europe.

Asociația Perspective Daneș, a local organisation based in the picturesque city of Sighișoara, hosted the workshop.

The preparation period was quite challenging: applications trickled in slowly, one team member fell ill, and another lost her mother just days before the workshop. It felt as though the very foundations were being shaken, but through prayer, everything came together.

Thirteen Christian leaders from Romania, Hungary, Ukraine, Germany, the Netherlands and Macedonia experienced deep healing from prejudice, personal wounds and the pain associated with their identities. Eleven of them were trained as HHTN facilitators.

We pray that this message of healing and reconciliation will continue to ripple outward and impact thousands of lives across Eastern Europe.



### Testimonies from EUSOR 2025

*"My mum abandoned me in the hospital immediately after my birth. I was raised by a Hungarian couple who hated Roma people. They cut my hair and tried their best to make me look Hungarian, all while speaking negatively about Roma people. They attempted to take away my Roma identity and were very harsh. I suffered rejection so many times that I eventually rejected myself. I came to the workshop hurting, carrying pain from the past and from things I am still going through. I received comfort from God, and I feel called to comfort others."*

*"I discovered that my Hungarian heritage had been playing tricks on me. We have always believed we were the oppressed—the victims for whom nothing ever turned out right. As I gave my pain to Christ, God showed me that the deep wounds I have been carrying (including those of my people) caused me to hurt others by always trying to appear perfect and proving that I was the best. I suspected that Western Europeans considered us inferior and only gave us work because they knew we would work hard to prove ourselves. I learned to verbalise my feelings and surrender them at the Cross. I also realised that some of our expectations of God are wrong. We want God to punish, to act according to our desires. I have "let God off the hook."*

"These are some of the testimonies from the HHTN workshop held at the **Evangelical Baptist Church of Geneva (EBCG)** in March 2025.

*During the session, I took something to the Cross in surrender. This morning, I received a text message that felt like confirmation of that step, it was a deeply moving experience."*

*"I felt like I was becoming a child again, experiencing the freedom of a child, no longer carrying heavy emotional burdens."*

This journey began a year earlier, when two of EBCG's leaders, Nana and Mavreen, travelled to Kigali, Rwanda for ISOR 2024.

What they experienced there was life-changing. Inspired by the healing they encountered; they returned home carrying a deep conviction: this was a gift too precious to keep to themselves. With support from the HHTN Global team, they began to prepare the soil for a workshop for their fellow church members in Geneva.

The workshop, which ran from March 7th to 9th, had 19 participants who, though all living in Geneva, come from different nations such as the USA, Kazakhstan, Angola, Madagascar, Korea, Hungary, Indonesia, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Ghana, South Korea and Kenya. Among them were five alumni from previous HHTN workshops.

The workshop began with a virtual session from Dr. Rhiannon Lloyd, the British Christian psychiatrist who pioneered HHTN in post-genocide Rwanda. From Wales, she shared her personal story, of growing up as a disenfranchised Welsh girl under colonial Britain, and how God used her own pain to create space for healing in others.

She reminded the group that HHTN was born not from strength, but from weakness; not from having all the answers, but from humbly listening to God in the midst of tragedy.

The rest of the workshop was intense. Hearts were healed at the Cross, and seeds of forgiveness and reconciliation, for families and communities, were planted.



Just a few weeks ago, on February 28th, we invited you to pray with us as Rev. George de Vuyst led an **HHTN workshop for Ukrainian refugees in the Netherlands**.

Over 70 people had registered. We didn't know how many would actually show up, but our hearts were full of hope. In the end, 53 participants joined the workshop. Though not all were able to complete the full programme, what unfolded was nothing short of sacred. Tears were shed. Wounds were named. Hearts began to heal.

One participant expressed it in a way we never could: *"I had been suffering from depression, aggression, anger, hatred, feeling unneeded, rejection. Because of all this, I didn't even feel like I was human. On Saturday, after I gave everything that was causing me pain to God, I felt like things were getting easier. Now, four days later, I'm flying on wings! I'm not afraid anymore. The mask I used to wear is gone. Even my kids have noticed. They say, 'Mama, you've changed.' And they're right, I've become someone different."*

What an incredible reminder that healing is possible, even in the shadows of war and displacement. God is writing new stories—and we're grateful that you're part of them

## HHTN IN AFRICA

In January 2025, Pastor Joseph and Dave Bankhead travelled to **Zimbabwe** for a strategic visit that marked a significant turning point in the expansion of HHTN in Southern Africa.

The trip focused on building momentum from ISOR 2024, through the Musora and Chidewu couples, both alumni of the school, establishing local leadership, engaging the church and responding to a national call for healing and reconciliation.

The team facilitated two promotional meetings with Christian leaders in Harare and Bulawayo. These gatherings brought together pastors, intercessors and civil society leaders, and served as an introduction to the heart and methodology of HHTN. Despite time constraints, the outcome was deeply encouraging.

In Harare, a strategy meeting was held with emerging leaders, including ISOR 2024 alumni and others who had previously attended reconciliation training in Zambia. Pastor Joseph and Dave had the honour of commissioning the Musora and Chidewu couples to lead healing and reconciliation efforts in Southern Africa.



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The Bulawayo meeting was especially powerful. The four ISOR alumni shared moving testimonies of transformation, followed by Pastor Joseph's presentation on the journey of reconciliation. The message struck a deep chord. Leaders vulnerably spoke of past massacres, ongoing divisions within the church and pain caused by betrayal among pastors. One observed, *"Some pastors are preaching from wounds."*

During the time of prayer and commissioning, the atmosphere shifted. One by one, participants came forward to share deeply personal stories. Many committed to being part of future HHTN trainings. The Holy Spirit moved powerfully, affirming the call to bring healing to the nation.

In a providential development, the Zimbabwean government has recently initiated a national healing process in response to historical massacres—inviting churches to actively participate. After consulting with various stakeholders, it was agreed that HHTN would serve as a supportive partner in this initiative. This presents a unique opportunity to integrate HHTN's tools of storytelling, listening and forgiveness into broader national efforts for truth, justice and reconciliation.

A major outcome of the visit is the decision to host the Southern Africa School of Reconciliation (SASOR 2025) in Bulawayo in July 2025, open to participants from across the region. The Evangelical Fellowship of Zimbabwe and a local network of intercessors are expected to host the event.

As Pastor Joseph reflected, *"The soil is ready, the seeds are planted, and the time for healing has come."*





## HHTN Workshop in Eastern DRC

*‘Come to me,  
all of you who  
are weary and  
carry heavy  
burdens, and I  
will give you  
rest’*

As the crisis in the **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** intensifies, the HHTN family continues to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Goma, Beni, and across the nation.

The city of Goma is home to Theophile Sewimfura and the Africa Restoring Bridges Initiative (ARBI). In Beni, we are grateful for our partners at the Organisation pour l'Évangélisation, l'Intercession et la Libération.

Despite the danger, these two organisations continue to carry the torch of HHTN; bringing hope, healing and reconciliation to communities traumatised by war. We honour their courage and faithful presence.

Last month, believers from across the HHTN global family gathered in prayer for Congo and the region. We were reminded of God's promise in Isaiah 54:10:

*"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you."*

As the M23 rebel conflict escalates and countless civilians are displaced, we invite you to join us in sustained prayer for peace in Congo. Let us continue lifting our voices for:

- An immediate ceasefire and lasting peace
- Protection for civilians, especially women and children
- Wisdom for leaders, including the East African Commission and the UN Security Council.
- Unhindered humanitarian access to those in need
- Strength and hope for the Church to be a light in the darkness

Our teams in Eastern Congo and Western Rwanda are deeply grateful for your continued intercession. May the Lord of peace be near to those who are suffering, and may every wound be met with His healing love.

## Other News from Across Africa

### Zambia

From 25th to 27th February, a workshop was held in Livingstone for 15 World Vision Zambia staff. It was led by alumni of the Southern Africa School of Reconciliation (SASOR) 2024. We celebrate their continued growth and impact.

### South Sudan

In February, a healing and reconciliation workshop was conducted in Renk, a town on the border between South Sudan and Sudan. Thousands of people have fled to this area due to ongoing war in Sudan. Please continue to pray for healing, forgiveness and restoration in this region. Many other workshops are ongoing in various parts of South Sudan.

### Burundi

Led by Mathias, workshops are being held both in refugee camps and in multiple regions of the country. We thank God for the commitment of our brothers and sisters in Burundi.

### Rwanda

Rabagirana Ministries continues to run refugee workshops, other workshops across Rwanda, a recent Training of Facilitators (TOF) and a National Forum. Meanwhile, Charles in Masaka, Kigali has been conducting workshops for his vocational school students.

### Kenya

The Way of Peace (WAPE) team is actively facilitating workshops across different regions of the country, including a recent Training of Facilitators.

### Ethiopia

In Fikkat, there's a powerful shift taking place. Embracing multiplication as their guiding philosophy, the team is building an army of young people. There's a growing desire to see more young people included and empowered in HHTN ministry.



HHTN Workshop in Kisumu Kenya



HHTN Workshop in Renk South Sudan - Sudan Border



## UPCOMING

We're excited to announce the following upcoming opportunities.

Details and registration links can be found on our website:

**East African School of Reconciliation;** Be part of a powerful journey of reconciliation among refugee communities and local leaders in Africa's largest refugee camp. 5th to 23rd May, Kakuma & Kalobeyei Refugee Camps, Kenya

**West African School of Reconciliation;** Come experience healing and hope as we bring HHTN to post-conflict communities across West Africa. 27th May to 8th June, Monrovia, Liberia

**HHTN Workshop in the USA;** An invitation to listen, share and heal in the context of Native American and broader U.S. communities. 6th to 10th July, Gallup, New Mexico

**Southern African School of Reconciliation (SASOR);** Hosted by the Evangelical Fellowship of Zimbabwe and local intercessors, this is a landmark moment for healing in a region longing for peace and restoration. 14th to 23rd July, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe



Let us continue to walk together in peace, healing and reconciliation.

Thank you for being part of this journey.

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