

## *Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations (HHTN)*

*"...all things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation"  
2 Corinthians 5:18*



### **Dear Friend,**

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

We are thankful for you and for your continued partnership in this journey of healing and reconciliation.

The first five months of 2026 have been a busy and meaningful time for us. By God's grace, we have continued to see His work of healing and reconciliation in different places.

We held two major Schools of Reconciliation: one international school in Kigali, Rwanda, and another national school in Zambia.

Alongside this, we also served in Ethiopia and other parts of the world through different reconciliation initiatives.

In all of this, we are thankful for what God is doing. We have seen people begin to heal, relationships being restored, and new leaders being equipped to bring reconciliation in their own communities.

## International School of Reconciliation Kigali, Rwanda

For eight months, our team prepared for the International School of Reconciliation (ISOR) in Kigali. Planning meetings, prayers, and participant orientation sessions helped lay the foundation for what would become a powerful experience.

Just days before the school began, however, unexpected global events threatened to disrupt everything. Conflict in the Middle East caused airspace closures, flight cancellations and uncertainty for international travellers. Four participants travelling from India, Nepal, and Thailand were particularly affected. Airlines struggled to provide clear alternatives, and there was concern that they might not arrive in time for the programme.

As a team, we began discussing contingency plans while also calling friends and partners around the world to pray. Eventually, all four participants arrived safely, although their journeys were much longer than expected and involved additional costs.

The experience reminded us why reconciliation work matters. Conflict and violence are not distant realities affecting only certain regions of the world. They impact ordinary people, disrupt lives, and create uncertainty. Healing and reconciliation are not optional extras—they are essential.

### The Workshop

The school was hosted by Rabagirana Ministries, who welcomed participants with a vibrant opening ceremony featuring traditional Rwandan performances and greetings from local government leaders.

The presence of government representatives was especially meaningful. Rwanda is where the HHTN methodology was first developed following the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi, and their participation reflected continued recognition of the importance of healing and reconciliation work.

The HHTN Workshop

Thirty participants took part in the core HHTN workshop.

Over several days, they explored issues such as prejudice, loss, pain, identity, and the false beliefs that often develop through difficult life experiences.

The conversations were honest and, at times, emotionally challenging. Yet many participants experienced significant breakthroughs.

One participant shared: *"I cried for the first time in years. At the cross I laid it all down."*

The workshop provided an opportunity for people to acknowledge deep wounds, receive support from others, and encounter God's healing in a fresh way.





## Learning from Rwanda's Story

Following the workshop, participants visited the Kigali Genocide Memorial and Unity Mountain Village.

The memorial offered a sobering reminder of the devastating consequences of hatred and division.

Unity Mountain, on the other hand, demonstrated what reconciliation can look like in practice, with genocide survivors and former perpetrators living and working together as neighbours.

For many participants, seeing both places helped connect the workshop lessons with real-life examples of both brokenness and restoration.

## Training New Facilitators

The workshop was followed by a Training of Facilitators (TOF) programme, where participants learned how to lead HHTN workshops themselves.

This training also marked the first field-testing of HHTN's newly revised Facilitators Manual.

Twenty-one trainees completed the programme and immediately put their learning into practice through community workshops. Teams facilitated sessions for pastors, university students, and members of the Unity Mountain community.

While some trainees faced challenges related to language and confidence in presenting the material, the overall outcome was encouraging. Participants demonstrated a strong commitment to learning and serving others.



## Looking Back

Interest in the school exceeded expectations, with seventy-two applications received. Unfortunately, financial limitations meant that only thirty people could attend.

The programme was highly impactful but also emotionally demanding. Participants and facilitators noted the importance of building in additional time for rest and reflection in future schools.

Three weeks after the event, a post-conference gathering brought together participants online.

Updates from India, Nepal, Rwanda, Burundi, Sweden, and Zambia showed that many were already applying what they had learned in their churches, organisations, and communities.

## **The seeds planted in Kigali are already starting to bear fruit.**

Since the school, Wapang and Ashe, a couple serving among the Karen refugees along the Thailand-Myanmar border, have already run an HHTN workshop at Hill Light Theological Seminary, which they lead.

Annelie from South Africa has also begun using the HHTN materials in her church, helping others walk through healing and reconciliation.

In Zambia, Rev. Cynthia and Theresa have continued to share HHTN in their churches. They also served as facilitators at the Zambia National School and are now preparing to lead an HHTN retreat in Lusaka for about 50 people.

From Manipur, Kim went straight back and led her church through the Cross workshop. Since then, she has continued to stand for peace and encourage reconciliation in her community.

Many others from the school are also serving faithfully in their own countries, using what they learned in their churches and ministries.

We are truly thankful to God for these first fruits and for the lives He is already touching and changing.



*Wapang and Ashe in Thailand*



*Kim in Manipur*



*Theresa in Zambia*

## **Zambia National School of Reconciliation Kitwe, Zambia**

In April, HHTN Global partnered with Theological Education by Extension in Zambia (TEEZ) to host the Zambia National School of Reconciliation.

Preparation involved close collaboration with churches, facilitators, and local organisers to ensure that participants would have both a meaningful learning experience and practical opportunities to serve.

The school combined the HHTN workshop, facilitator training, and community practicum sessions.

A key objective was to equip a new generation of facilitators ahead of Zambia's national elections. By strengthening churches and community leaders with tools for healing and reconciliation, the school aimed to help address tensions linked to tribalism, political divisions, and social conflict.

Participants spoke openly about grief, rejection, unforgiveness, and painful life experiences.

### ***One participant shared:***

***"Growing up as an orphan, I always felt I had no family. Yesterday I was able to release that orphan spirit at the Cross. I now understand that I have a father in heaven who is also my mother"***

Others described experiencing freedom from long-held burdens through symbolic acts at the cross, where painful memories and experiences were surrendered to God and replaced with renewed hope.

The school successfully trained sixty-five new facilitators who are now equipped to lead reconciliation workshops in their own communities.

During the follow-up review, the hosts and the facilitators celebrated this achievement while also identifying areas for improvement, including clearer certification processes, stronger orientation for participants, and more opportunities for relationship-building during the programme.

The team also discussed new ways of sharing HHTN principles through sermons, conferences, creative arts, and community initiatives.



*HHTN and TEEZ facilitators pose for a photo*

*Ministry time during Practicum*

## **Selam Ethiopia Conference and Album Launch Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

In May, HHTN leaders participated in the Selam Ethiopia Conference, a unique gathering that combined worship, reconciliation, and music.

The event grew out of a songwriting workshop held in 2023, where young musicians from different regions of Ethiopia came together for healing and reconciliation training. During that experience, participants wrote songs inspired by their personal journeys and their desire to see peace in Ethiopia.

These songs were later professionally recorded and developed into an album called Selam Ethiopia ("Peace Ethiopia").

### **Peace Conference**

Before the album launch, eighty church leaders participated in HHTN training focused on healing, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

Many came from regions affected by ethnic conflict, displacement, and historical grievances. The training created opportunities for people to share painful experiences, seek forgiveness, and begin rebuilding trust. The public conference drew crowds of more than a thousand people each evening.

Drawing from Rwanda's experience of recovery after genocide, HHTN facilitators shared messages of hope, healing, and restoration. Church leaders challenged believers to embrace their role as peacemakers and agents of reconciliation within their communities.

One particularly moving moment came when leaders from different regions openly shared about the suffering their communities had endured. Their honesty created space for prayer, repentance, forgiveness, and renewed commitment to peace.

The conference concluded with prayers for the nation and the symbolic planting of a "Tree of Peace."



### **Album Launch**

The launch of the Selam Ethiopia album became much more than a musical event. As singers rehearsed together, many found themselves confronting painful memories linked to conflict and displacement. Rehearsals often became moments of prayer, healing, encouragement, and mutual support. The final performance featured songs in Oromo, Wolaytta, and Amharic.

The title song, Selam Ethiopia, resonated deeply with the audience. In a powerful moment of unity, the congregation was invited to speak blessings and prayers over every region of Ethiopia, not just their own communities. For many present, this reflected a new willingness to pray for and embrace people beyond ethnic and regional boundaries. The songs are now available online and continue to spread messages of healing and hope throughout Ethiopia and among Ethiopian communities abroad.

### **Gathering Reconciliation Practitioners**

During the visit, HHTN also convened a small forum for reconciliation practitioners and graduates of the International School of Reconciliation. Participants shared updates from various regions, including Gambella and Tigray, where conflict and displacement continue to affect communities.

Despite significant challenges, leaders expressed hope and renewed commitment to their work. They discussed strategies for sustainability, leadership development, trauma care, and strengthening collaboration between churches and community organisations.

A recurring theme throughout the discussions was the importance of caring for those who care for others. Participants recognised the need for rest, family support, and ongoing personal healing as they continue serving in difficult environments.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Canada**

In July, our team will facilitate an HHTN workshop at Five Oaks Retreat Centre in Ontario, Canada. The workshop will bring together church leaders, ministry workers, and community practitioners who desire to deepen their understanding of healing, reconciliation, and peacebuilding. We look forward to creating space for participants to encounter personal healing while gaining practical tools they can use in their own communities.

### **Zambia**

At the same time, our partners in Zambia will host the Healing Hearts Retreat 2026 at Shalom Retreat Centre in Lusaka. Organised by the United Church of Zambia, the retreat will provide an opportunity for Christians from different backgrounds to engage with issues of trauma, forgiveness, restoration, and reconciliation. We are encouraged to see local churches increasingly taking ownership of this work and creating spaces for healing within their own communities.

### **Germany (Ukrainian Refugees)**

Later in the year, HHTN facilitators plan to work with Ukrainian refugees living in Germany. Many continue to face the ongoing effects of displacement, loss, uncertainty, and trauma resulting from the war. The workshop will offer a safe environment where participants can process their experiences, find support, and explore pathways toward healing and hope.

### **Around the World**

HHTN workshops, facilitator trainings, and reconciliation initiatives continue to develop across many parts of the world, including Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, Burundi, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Côte d'Ivoire, Zambia, South Africa, North America, Europe, Thailand, and Nepal. We are particularly encouraged by the growing number of pastors, churches, organisations, and community leaders who are adapting and using HHTN tools within their own churches and contexts.

As the ministry continues to grow, our desire remains the same: to equip ordinary people to become agents of healing, reconciliation, and transformation in their families, churches, communities, and nations.

### **Looking Ahead**

As we reflect on the first five months of 2026, we are encouraged by what God continues to do through ordinary people who are willing to become instruments of healing and reconciliation.

Across Rwanda, Zambia, Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan, Côte d'Ivoire, DR Congo, Burundi, Europe, Canada, North America and beyond, we have seen people confront painful histories, rebuild relationships, and discover new hope for the future.

At the same time, we are reminded that the need remains great. Conflict, trauma, division, and broken relationships continue to affect individuals, churches, and communities around the world.

We remain committed to equipping leaders, strengthening communities, and creating spaces where healing can take place.

Thank you for walking this journey with us through your prayers, encouragement, partnership, and support.

Together, we continue to see hearts healed and nations transformed.

## **Please Pray With Us**

As we continue this work, we invite you to join us in prayer for communities around the world that are experiencing conflict, division, displacement, and uncertainty.

### **East and Central Africa**

Please pray for peace and healing in Ethiopia, especially in the Tigray and Gambella regions, where communities continue to face violence, displacement, and humanitarian challenges. Pray also for Sudan and South Sudan as many families continue to live with the effects of conflict and instability.

Remember the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), where insecurity continues to disrupt daily life.

We also ask for prayer for ongoing public health concerns in parts of East and Central Africa, including recent Ebola outbreaks and related crises, asking for protection, swift response, and healing for affected communities.

We also ask for prayer for Kenya as the country navigates planned Gen Z protests, and for Zambia as it prepares for national elections in August.

### **West and Southern Africa**

Please pray for Cameroon, particularly the Anglophone regions, where tensions and violence continue to affect communities.

Pray also for Nigeria, where insecurity and conflict continue in different parts of the country. We remember South Africa, where growing xenophobia and social tensions are affecting relationships within communities.

### **Asia**

Please pray for Manipur in Northeast India, where ongoing conflict and instability continue to cause suffering.

We also remember Myanmar, where many families continue to live with displacement, violence, and uncertainty.

### **Europe**

Please pray for Ukraine and Russia, where war continues to bring loss, displacement, and deep suffering to many families.

### **Middle East**

Please pray for Israel, Palestine, Iran, and the wider Middle East, where ongoing conflicts continue to affect civilians and create deep uncertainty. Pray for protection, healing, and pathways toward lasting peace.

### **Other Areas of Concern**

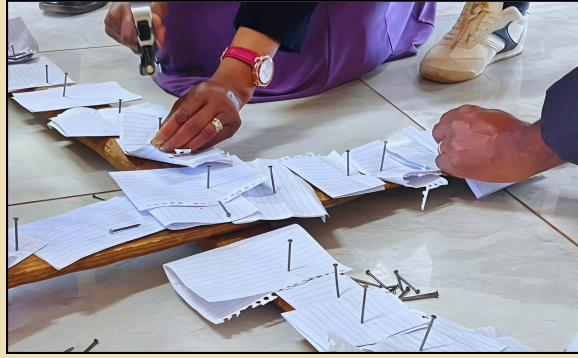
Please pray for Mozambique, where communities continue to be affected by insecurity and displacement.

We also remember refugees and internally displaced persons around the world who continue to live far from home because of violence and crisis.

### **For the Work of Reconciliation**

Finally, please pray for churches, HHTN ministry leaders and facilitators, and reconciliation practitioners serving in fragile and difficult contexts. Pray that they would be strengthened, protected, and encouraged as they bring healing, hope, and reconciliation to individuals, families, and communities.

Please also pray for God's provision in the midst of ongoing economic pressures and financial crises affecting many countries, that ministries and communities would have the resources they need to continue this work faithfully.



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

Thank you for being part of this journey.

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