

The Redeemer of Bandits



Samuel Ndayiragije (l.), Onesphore Manirakiza (r.)

A pastor's son in Burundi, Samuel Ndayiragije (on left in picture) had been drawn into banditry and violence. His parents were terribly discouraged because their son's whole future was in doubt. However, God used Onesphore Manirakiza's preaching to bring Samuel to faith. Onesphore, one of the dynamic African leaders Faith2Share has been supporting, had set up a discipleship programme. Samuel joined the programme and underwent an incredible transformation. He became a very active member of the discipleship movement and managed to complete his studies, graduating with a degree in computer engineering.

Samuel is now married and the lead pastor of the church which his father planted. He is the youngest elder in the church he leads. He has become Onesphore's partner and assistant in catalysing the multiplication of missionary churches in Burundi and the region.

Onesphore began to prioritize discipleship and leadership development 16 years ago. He started the inter-denominational movement *Harvest for Christ*, which currently has branches in every province of Burundi. Each year around 1,200 emerging leaders take part in evangelism campaigns through which thousands of people respond to the gospel. They estimate that 100,000 people have come to Christ in the last 10 years and 50 new churches have been planted!

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Faith2Share is privileged to work with many leaders like Onesphore who are seeing God work in remarkable ways around the world.

Collaboration Key to Miraculous Transformation

‘When our team first went to share the gospel with the people of Godo, Dankpen in Togo, the local people kept their distance’ writes Ngozi Nwosu of Faith2Share member *Church of Nigeria Missionary Society*. ‘A number of young people, however, came to listen and ask questions and 44 of them came to faith. They were mostly subsistence farmers. The men wore dirty, torn clothing while the women and children were virtually naked most of the time. They now testify to God’s power at work in healing (including from snake bites) and deliverance. Many of the young people are taking literacy seriously and attending school.



Peter Sambire (I.), David Sambire 3rd on left

**‘I personally find
Faith2Share’s programme
edifying, refreshing and
strengthening’**

Ngozi explains how Faith2Share had played a role in the development of her ministry in Togo. She met Rev and Mrs MacCarthy at a Faith2Share consultation. They subsequently made a visit to Togo and provided help with adult literacy training. ‘Faith2Share gives room for networking and receiving adequate help that consolidates and enhances the work.’

‘Peter and David Sambire are outstanding examples of God’s work in Godo,’ Ngozi explains, ‘Peter was able to read and write a little but David did not attend school at all. They came to faith and joined in with our discipleship and evangelism. In the course of time, a church was planted where they live and it was placed under their care (*see photo on the back page*). David has taken the decision to start school from scratch. Peter demonstrates an amazing grace in teaching and preaching the word of God. In recognition of this, he was ordained in 2015 to be one of the first indigenous, ordained Anglican priests in Togo. God has so strengthened their faith that not only their own lives but also the lives of their flocks are brimming full of testimonies.’

Witnessing to Christ Through Kindness and Baby Milk

A Christian in a majority-Muslim West African country, Koumba was delighted to hear that Faith2Share member PM Internacional (PMI) was hiring clinic workers. She underwent initial training and joined the team treating malnourished children. Koumba weighed the children, taught mothers how to cook special meals, and gave milk when the malnutrition was severe. But she did much more than this, getting to know the women, discovering the realities of their lives, listening to their challenges and sharing words of life. Koumba told a PMI worker, ‘It is not only blessing the children physically but also supporting the mothers with their mental, emotional and spiritual health.’

**‘It’s a way to
bring light
and life to
this
community.’**

Faith2Share in Francophone Africa



Faith2Share continues to grow steadily. As well as being approached by mission movements keen to join, we are proactive in building the network in priority areas. Francophone Africa has been neglected by the mission community when compared with the resources allocated to anglophone Africa and we want to play our part in these nations.

Happily, Faith2Share's Africa Co-ordinator, Timothy Mazimpaka, is originally from French-speaking Rwanda and we want to secure funds for him to travel to the upcoming Francophone Africa Regional Consultation (CRAF) in Ivory Coast. Timothy is a natural networker, a mission practitioner and lecturer and so is very well placed to represent Faith2Share.

Who knows what God-inspired partnerships and initiatives might be birthed at the consultation?!

Could you support Timothy to explore our future in francophone Africa?

Yes! I want to support Timothy for this strategic gathering of mission leaders.

To cover Timothy's costs we only need twenty donations:

10 gifts of £29 would pay for the conference costs. 10 gifts of £62 would cover Timothy's flight and visa.

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Praise and Prayer Points

Praise God for the amazing way He has been at work in Burundi and the Great Lakes region.

Celebrate God's wonderful work in Togo and the gracious ministry of Ngozi and her colleagues.

Give thanks for the servant-hearted leadership of PMI and faithful Christians such as Koumba.

Thank God for the upcoming CRAF conference in Ivory Coast. Thank you for the commitment to collaboration and all the potential initiatives.

Partner with us in prayer! If you don't already receive our prayer news emails, send your name, address and email to prayer@faith2share.net and share in the vital ministry of prayer.

Help us share our vision! We'd love to speak at your church. Interested? Email f2s@faith2share.net

Pray for emerging leaders such as Samuel in Burundi, that God uses them powerfully.

Ngozi asks for **prayer** that she will fulfil God's purposes and not miss her reward in heaven.

Pray that God would use those like Koumba who demonstrate the gospel in practical care.

Pray that the CRAF conference would reveal the unique role Faith2Share can play in West Africa.



Anglican Church, Godo, Togo

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