

# The History of Rwanda

Short Version

# Where is Rwanda?

- Eastern Africa
- The size of Maryland
- Capital City: Kigali
- Three people groups or tribes: Twa, Hutu, and Tutsi





# The Age of Kings

## King Kigeli V - the last king

- The Twa, The Hutu, and the Tutsi
- German rule (1885-1919)
- Belgium rule (1916-1945)
- The introduction of ethnic identity cards





# East African Revival 1920s to 1930s

- Started in Gahini, Rwanda
- John Church - CMS Missionary from England
- Simeon Nsibambi - Pastor from Uganda
- Spread throughout East Africa





# Rwandan Independence

## A Bloody Beginning

- 1959 - First wave of genocide
  - Estimated 20 to 100 thousand Tutsis killed
  - 150 thousand Tutsis fled to neighboring countries
- 1962 - Republic of Rwanda
  - Hutu rule





# Genocide

1994

- Civil Unrest
- Propaganda
- President's plane was shot down on April 6
- April 6 - July: 800,000 dead





# A New Era

## Reconciliation

- Rwanda Patriotic Front brought peace
- Paul Kagame - leader and president
- Ethnicity is outlawed
- Reconciliation is begun and enforced





# Rwanda Today

## Safest Country to visit in Africa

- Tutsis and Hutus live side by side in peace as many exiled Rwandas return to Rwanda
- Economic growth is exponential
- Church is growing, but struggling with many of the same things we are struggling with in the USA.
- Islam is making big inroads
- There is a need for theological training and discipleship





# The History of Us

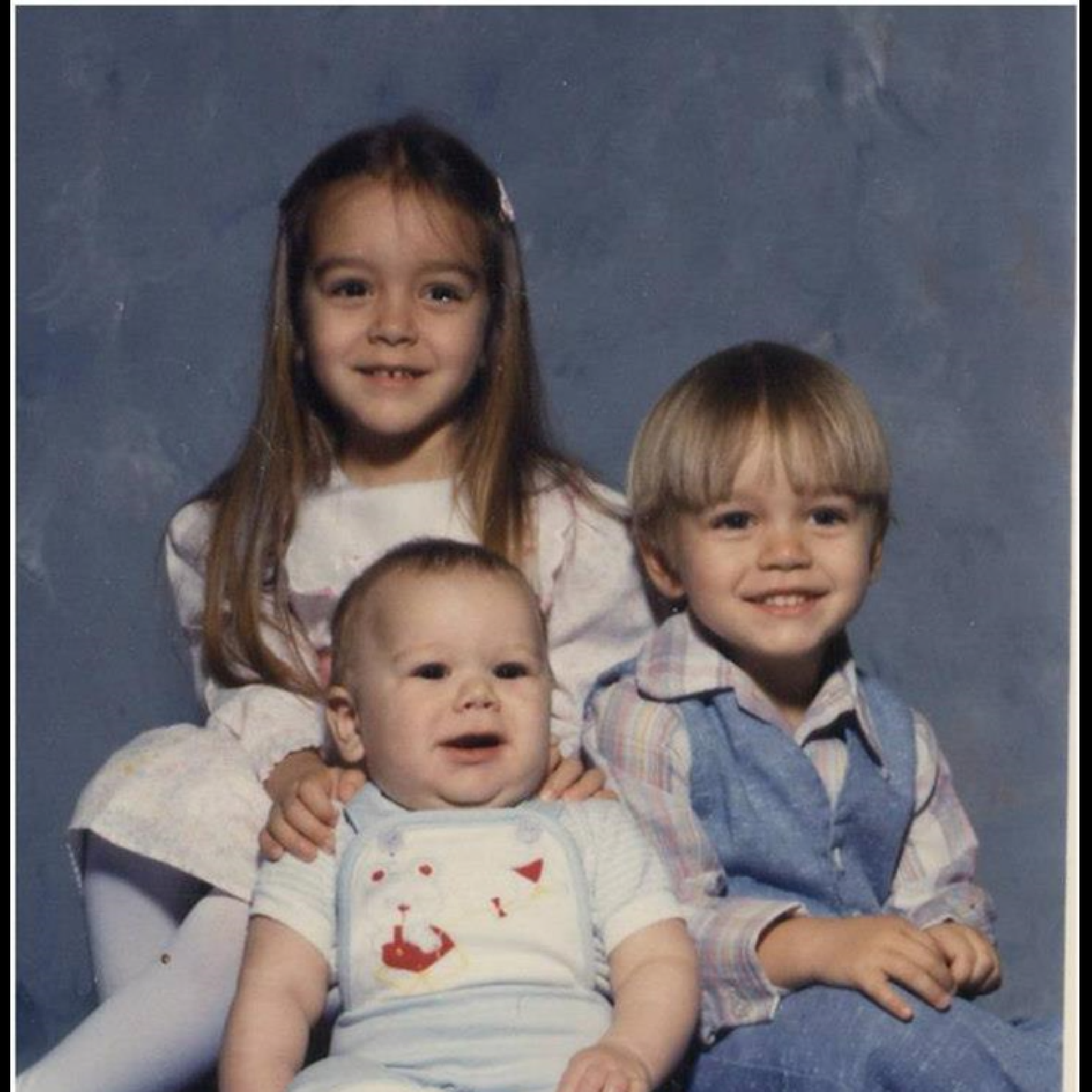
Where it all began...



# Cherie

## Just a few facts

- Born in Gettysburg, PA
- Homeschooled
- Spent 6 years in Haiti as missionary kid
- Gave her life to Christ at the age of 4
- Committed to missions in high school





# Ben

## A few more facts

- Born in Columbia, SC
- Went to a real school.
- His sister led him to Christ while debating who's Bible was better.
- Got interested in Missions after a visit to JAARS.
- Grew up in and around Greensboro.

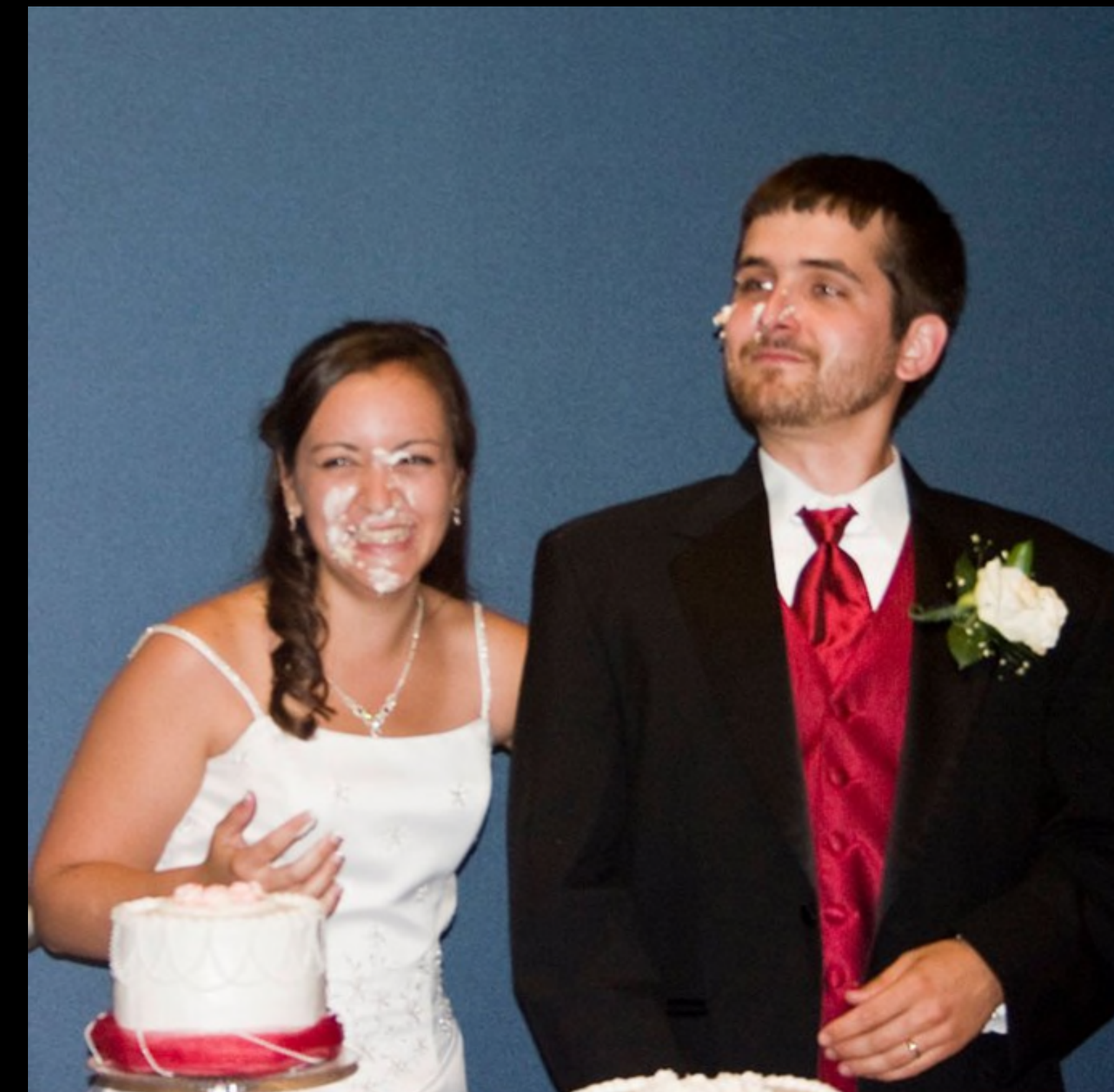




And then came love...







Fun from day One!

2008



Enter Mae

2010





# Enter Conor

## 2012





Enter Abigail

2014





Enter Gabriel

2015





Enter Michaela and Jonathan

2016





# Enter Shiloh 2018





Enter Shadaiya





Enter Everly and Lyla  
2019 and 2022





# Our Future Together

Webers to Rwanda



Why do you want to pack up your family and move to Rwanda?







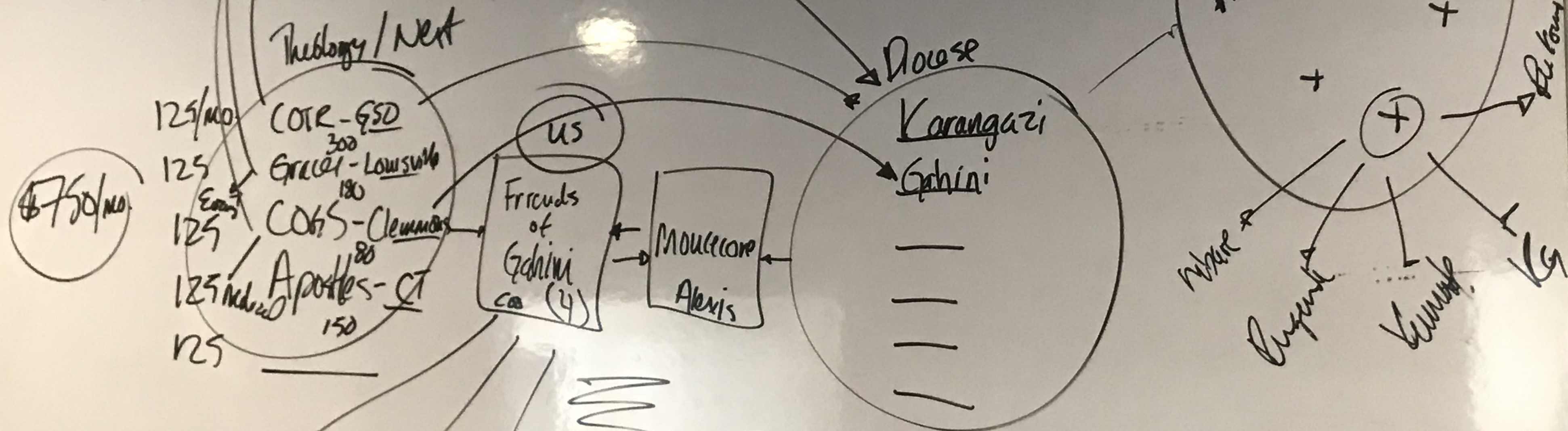
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Zoom Call

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By Mac/Alan



Sudan → Pax Dei (5)

Kenya → Kambu (2)

Uganda → Lango (3)

- ① Go to Gahini May 2025
  - ② Speak with Jenny (15 Jan 2025)
  - ③ Build a team
  - ④ Participate Refore FAS
- By Numb



But what will you be doing over there?



# Learning the language and culture





Working with the Diocese of Gahini staff

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GAHINI DIOCESE  
P.O BOX 22 KIGALI - RWANDA

RECEPTION





# Friends of Gahini Church Partnership





# Theological Training and Discipleship





# Homeschooling





# Hosting Teams





Come visit us!





How can we partner with you?



- You already have!
- Prayer
  - Our family as we prepare
  - The church in Rwanda to grow deeper
- Financial
  - Monthly Partners
  - One Time Gifts
- Response Cards

