



Pastor Richard Muyaka, in his thirties, is married to Rebecca, and together they have three children. His childhood was marked by hardship—at just nine years old, his parents divorced and abandoned their home, leaving him to care for his younger siblings. Struggling to survive, he turned to robbery to make ends meet.

Even after coming to faith in 2004, Richard continued breaking into homes and stealing in trading centers. On multiple occasions, he narrowly escaped angry mobs intent on taking his life. Yet, God had a different plan for him. Through years of discipleship, Richard's heart began to change, and he embraced hard work as a means of provision.

In 2018, he became the pastor of Seed of Faith Church in Kakunu village, where he now leads a congregation of 70 people. With a deep hunger to grow spiritually and lead effectively, Pastor Richard eagerly joined the Rural Pastors Institute to receive ministry training. He says, *"I began serving in ministry in August 2018, believing I was pastoring well. Someone encouraged me to enroll in the Rural Pastors Institute, and at first, I resisted. But when I arrived and experienced the teaching, I was deeply impacted. I realized much of what I was doing wasn't biblical. As I listened, I felt renewed, hopeful, and joyful, knowing the Lord was drawing me closer and had forgiven my past. Through RPI, I learned how to teach the Bible, care for my family, and lead my church. These lessons changed my life and ministry. I hold RPI close to my heart."*

The Impact of Sponsorship

Pastor Richard's journey has been profoundly shaped by the generosity of his sponsors. He currently has two sponsors—one at the \$120 level (4 Shares) and another at the \$30 level (1 Share). Through their support, he has been able to receive biblical training, leadership development, and encouragement to strengthen his church and ministry. Beyond financial support, his sponsors have developed a personal connection with him, exchanging letters and prayer requests.

Recently, one of his sponsors wrote to him:

"We hope this letter finds you and your wife well. We pray that God has been working in your lives and in the lives of your church leaders and your community as well. We trust that God is providing the materials and provisions for your church to be renovated and land for expansion in the future. We pray for God to richly bless you both as you pour your soul into the people around you, that He may fill you up with joy and strength!"

Pastor Richard responded with gratitude:

"We are deeply grateful to God for your continuous prayers. And guess what? We are praying for you too! We declare blessings upon you and your family. Right now, we are working on our church building—the poles are already up! Please pray with us that we will be able to complete it soon. On a more personal note, my wife and I have been earnestly praying for children. She has struggled to conceive for a long time, and we are trusting God for a breakthrough. Please stand with us in prayer."

Sponsorship is more than just financial aid—it is a partnership in ministry, a connection between believers across the world, and a source of encouragement for pastors like Richard who are dedicated to transforming their communities.