

## Elie Nahimana - Burundi

Elie NAHIMANA was born in the hills above Bujumbura, Burundi. He is married and has five children. For many years he worked as a builder of roads and bridges. Elie stayed in the country throughout the civil war that started in 1993. In 1998 Elie was ordained as pastor within the Friends Church and was appointed to a church in his home community, Kibimba. He later completed a bachelor's degree in Christian Leadership from the Great Lakes School of Theology. Elie is a founding member of the Kibimba Peace Committee, President of the Board of the Great Lakes School of Theology, and Legal Representative (clerk) of the Friends Church of Burundi. In these different capacities, Elie works to foster peace and reconciliation among Burundian citizens as the country continues to recover from its devastating war.