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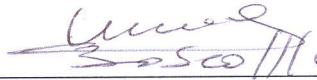
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## ABSTRACT

The study stemmed from the need to comprehend the factors that have inhibited quantitative church growth at Gisenyi Nazarene Church (GNC) regardless of its location in a densely populated area in Rwanda. It became noticeable that the results of such an undertaking would provide both theoretical and practical podium for the development of sound mission strategies that would cause the church to move forward towards God's intention for it.

There are plentiful literature that covers church augmentation phenomenon and principles relevant to the biblical and practical ways that deal with churches. However, recent African scholarships have paid little attention to the church growth phenomenon irrespective of augmenting challenges that several churches are experiencing particularly in fast growing cities in Africa.

The 48 participants interviewed in the study were drawn from the GNC and other churches where former members of GNC fellowship on Sunday. The findings of the study have shown that the GNC was not quantitatively on the increase as the church expected because of the problems related to lack of commitment by church leaders especially in the area of evangelism.

It was concluded that GNC was not mounting quantitatively. This conclusion tiled way for recommendations that appeal to the need for church leadership to come up with programs that will promote togetherness and team work in the church for effective communication and common vision.

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