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This past Sabbath we were blessed to hear Rene'e Harms share of a mission taking place in Rwanda. The following pages present the situation and the opportunity presented to each of us to help improve the lives of people who without our help may never develop to their full potential.

In the following pages you will also be redirected to visit their website at: www.impact-hope.org/mission-trips .

If you are looking for a mission ministry which needs your financial support we offer this as one for your consideration.

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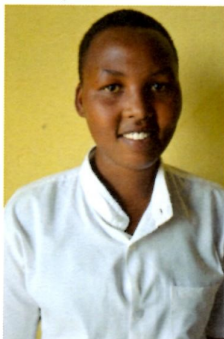
100 New Refugee Girls Rescued this Summer

Impact Hope is proud to announce that 100 refugee girls were selected to attend Impact Hope supported schools! These new girls started in June this year. Although we had selected 280 new students in the beginning of the year, many of them were boys because the selection was based on overall performance from 9th grade exams. The selection in June was based on firstly — gender, and *then* school performance.

Giving these girls a chance to study in boarding schools takes them away from the pressures of the home. Even as students, girls are expected to take care of younger children, cook, clean, haul water and wood. But when they are at boarding schools, girls have the opportunity to study just like the boys. And, even when the sun goes down at 6pm every evening (as it does in Rwanda), there is electricity at the schools by which to study.

Below are just a few of the new 100 girls who need sponsoring. Sponsorship is just \$50 per month, which goes to supply all needs such as a mattress, blankets, hygiene kits, school fees, transportation, and medical coverage. If you would like to sponsor one of these girls, please respond by contacting Impact Hope either on the webpage at www.impact-hope.org or by phone at (503)673-3905.

Nyirabuhoro



Mignonne



Rachel



Aimerance



Gentile





This Is Grace

By Joan Oksenholt

"Why are we called refugees?" Grace asked her mother this question when she was six. By the time she was ten her understanding of the word and what it meant for her was clear. Now, at 17, she speaks emphatically. "Human beings have basic needs. As refugees we don't get them. It's impossible to find enough food. And vegetables? It's like they don't exist!"

She continues, "We like to be clean. But we have very little soap. We stand in long lines waiting because there aren't enough showers. Our houses have no space to sleep. Our clothes are few. And we are hungry all the time."

Her solution? Grace plans to be a leader. She read every book she could find about political leaders in the world and evaluated them according to their successes as well as their failures. "There aren't many books in the camp school," Grace says. "But now I'm going to a wonderful secondary school where I can read all the books I want! Thank you, Impact Hope! Thank you for getting me out of the camp! I am so happy!"

School is the path to her future. After secondary school, Grace plans to study at a vocational school. She'll then work and pay her way through university. And then? Watch out, Congo! Grace is coming back as a leader and plans to change the country for the better.

On a personal note - I ask Grace how many changes of clothing would be enough for her. She pauses for thought. "Seven! Then I could wear something different each day and always be clean."

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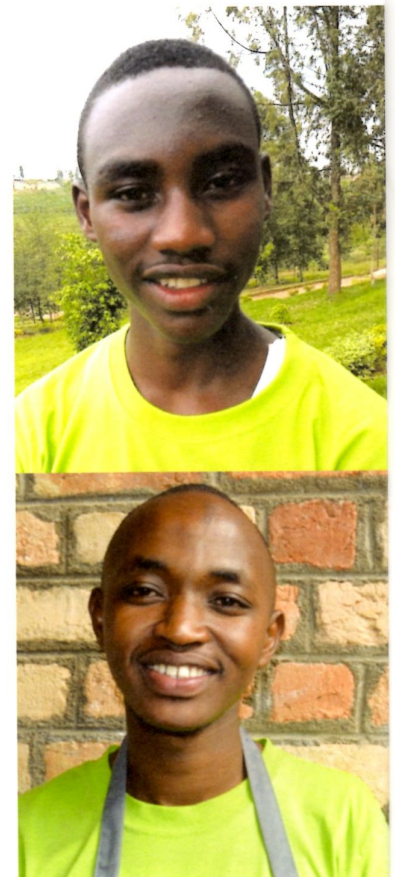
This is Grace. With God's help, she's out to make her world a better place. And she will!

Young Gents Emigrate to Texas, Become Impact Hope Sponsors!

Occasionally, the United Nations, administrator of refugees in the Rwandan Camps, are able to place Impact Hope students and their families into developed countries like the United States. While the culture shock is significant, the experience of modern life can be invaluable for emigrants.

Two Impact Hope students were emigrated to Texas this year, Mukotanyi and Bienvenue. After they had arrived to the US, they visited the Impact Hope website. The boys reached out to Mindy at the Impact Hope office saying, "we didn't know it was only \$50 a month to sponsor a refugee to school!" They expressed an interest to sponsor their own Impact Hope student because as they say, "It is SO easy to make money in the US!" So Mindy sent them sponsorship cards of nine boys and one girl...and guess who they selected? Yes, the girl. Not just because she's cute (and she is!), but because they feel it deep in their hearts that these young girls are in danger.

As we learn more and hear more stories of the situation in the refugee camps, our hearts go out to the need to do all we can for them, especially for the girls. Violence against women and girls is prevalent, as is inequality in the home. Preferential treatment goes toward the boys. Mukotanyi and Bienvenue know the disparaging treatment of women and girls and are investing their own money to continue to make a difference for one more girl.



Impact Hope Chicken Farming Entrepreneurs

Question: How many Impact Hope graduates does it take to start a chicken farming business? Answer: 10! Impact Hope has partnered with By Grace Charity, an organization which provides seed capital to small business ventures around the world. Based on their model, these 10 Impact Hope graduates from Gakoni Academy will work together on their chicken farm and incorporate new members as they continue to grow the business.



Would you like to be involved in helping young Impact Hope entrepreneurs? We receive business plans regularly which always include the need for capital. Business plans range from opening a store, sewing/tailoring cooperatives, and bakeries, with more business ideas and plans to come! Find the check box on the donation envelope to help called "*Business Seed Capital*"!

From Training to Teacher

The Justin Story

In last year's mission trip to Rwanda, Impact Hope was pleased to host the Wildwood Health Institute team for six weeks. They held intensive health and good living classes for all of Impact Hope's summer break training session students. They taught useful ways to help improve lifestyle practices and general health principles for our refugee students through a combination of lectures and hands-on learning.

Many times when a program is presented, leaders wonder if information is really being absorbed by the audience... but this was no ordinary audience. The Impact Hope students are hungry for ways that can help improve their life situations. One such student, Justin, took it a step further.

Justin Byiringiro graduated from Rwankeri Academy in 2018, received his diploma, and could very well embark to the capital city of Kigali to find work and establish an independent future for himself. Instead, Justin took the materials that he had received from Impact Hope and Wildwood and returned to his refugee camp. Why? To teach his friends and extended family the life practices and skills that will benefit the people in the camp. Everyday of the week, Justin holds Wildwood classes teaching hydrotherapy, massage, and principles of health and natural healing.

The foundational love and support of Impact Hope sponsors and volunteers becomes rooted in the hearts of our refugee students and has a rippling effect as they turn to invest in people to further the blessings.



Travel to Rwanda, Share Your Life Skills

Would you like to go to Africa to have a life-changing experience? Impact Hope can help!

Our 3rd Annual Vocational Training Program is from December 2nd through the 30th, 2019. Over 500 Impact Hope students are expected to be in attendance at Rwankeri Academy for this special training. The theme for this year is "Catch Fire". Liz and Anthony Thomsen are leading out in this four-week Summer Camp and already have many volunteers signed up.

If you would like to visit your sponsored student or volunteer in the upcoming program and would like more information, please visit www.impact-hope.org/mission-trips.



Alice Goes to University

Alice recently graduated from Gahogo Academy in the largest Impact Hope graduating class. Her performance from her Senior year exams were extraordinary! Because of her grades and her sponsor's ability, Alice is now attending the Adventist University of Central Africa.

We had the opportunity to travel with Alice to visit her humble home in the Gihembe refugee camp and meet her sister and parents. Alice is the second to the youngest of six children. She is the first in her family to attend university! Her father expresses, "We are her parents, but you are her guardians. Thank you for giving Alice what we are not able to provide."

Because of this opportunity, Alice is looked upon as a leader and a light in her community. Join Impact Hope to help empower more young leaders to impact their communities forever.

