

DEONISE NIYOMUGABO "FUTURE PRIME MINISTER OF RWANDA"

"I will fight for the people of Rwanda because they need development. I will bring them from nowhere to somewhere. I will change this country."

Before Deonise had dreams of becoming the Prime Minister of Rwanda, life at home was unstable and often difficult. His job was to look after cows while his friends went off to school. Every afternoon he would come home to find his father drunk and his mother struggling to find food for their family.

"Africa New Life changed my family. I used to attend a different school when we could find the money. When we couldn't, they would chase me out of class. We had one cow at home and the only way we could get money was to sell the milk or the young cows when they had one. My parents and four siblings went without food some days. We started praying for a sponsor and God answered our prayers."

Thanks to sponsorship, Deonise now has four goats to attend to each day. They benefit his family by providing manure to use in their farm where they grow crops.

"Since we started using the manure for our crops, we have had a good harvest. My family is able to have food

at home now and we take the excess to the market to sell for money."

Deonise dreams of attending college in New York City. But for now, he has many tasks to complete in order to fulfill his dreams.

"It is important to me to help out at home. I fetch water and collect firewood. I am also in the church choir and am the school pastor. Once a month, I go into each class, read a devotion to them and teach them different scripture verses."

Deonise says there are two things needed in order to become a great leader: to study hard and do everything in life with a whole heart.

"Since finding a sponsor, my entire life has changed. My dad used to drink a lot at home and my parents would fight. My parents accepted Jesus Christ as their savior at New Life Bible Church in Bugesera and were baptized. My dad stopped drinking and now uses that money to buy us food and things we need. Now we live in peace and have joy at home. I look forward to my future, study hard, and one day will help change this country."



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friend,

The Psalmist must have had you in mind when he wrote:

"There is great joy for those who are kind to the poor. The Lord rescues them when they are in trouble, protecting them from their enemies and keeping them alive. He gives them prosperity, and even nurses them when they are sick, restoring them to full health."—Psalm 41:1-3

On behalf of all our colleagues and Pastor Charles, thank you. Your generosity has empowered sponsored students all over Rwanda to dream big.

Our transformational model, displayed on the opposite page, charts the progress we've made in the last 12 months. Numbers are important, but only when their impact can be seen in actual lives, like that of my own sponsored child, Molly Kirabo.

When I started sponsoring Molly in 2009, she and her grandmother were literally starving to death. Africa New Life's first step in her community, Kageyo, was to provide school lunch for every student. Over time, though Molly began to gain weight, she struggled in school. She couldn't see the blackboard well. Molly wasn't alone—many children, too many, had poor eyesight.

One trip to an eye doctor made the solution clear: Molly needed more Vitamin A in her diet. Africa New Life hired an agronomist, planted an organic vegetable garden and began including greens in school lunches. Today, Molly and almost all of the other children can see perfectly. Molly's grades have improved and she is the head of the youth choir at New Life Bible Church, whose sanctuary also serves as the school dining hall. In February, Molly and Grandma greeted me with hugs, a cup of tea and a prayer of thanksgiving when I visited their home.

Transformation. That is what we are doing, together, in Rwanda. Jesus must take great pleasure in it—and in you.

May He Bless You Richly, Alan



ALAN HOTCHKISS U.S. Executive Director



CHARLES MUGISHA President and Founder

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LIVES ARE BEING TRANSFORMED

OUR IMPACT IN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS

Our model focuses on educational sponsorship for children who need four key factors to succeed: stable home, growing faith, community development, and healthy body.

Children are Learning

EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP

- K-12 sponsorship increased from 6,500 to 7,300
- College scholarships increased from 60 to 112
- Africa New Life now manages 8 schools and partners with more than 50

Families are Stronger

STABLE HOME

- 97 vulnerable women gained a marketable skill through vocational training
- Sponsors gave 9,263 gifts to children and their families through the online store; this included over 160,800 lbs of food

People are Learning About Christ

GROWING FAITH

- 89 full time ministry leaders enrolled at Africa College of Theology
- Two new churches planted in Kigali
- 250 students accepted Christ and were baptized, and thousands more were challenged in their faith at our sponsored student camps

Villages are Thriving

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 1.2 million meals were provided for students and their families
- Over 250 keyhole gardens were constructed for families in Kageyo. Each garden will provide a year round source of key vegetables
- 408 U.S. visitors spent time with their sponsored children and served in different capacities in our communities



Students receive Medical Care

HEALTHY BODY

- Thousands of children and community members were seen by five resident community nurses and four visiting US medical teams
- Began construction on Dream Medical Center. This mini-hospital will include 45 beds, 2 operating rooms, a delivery ward, physical therapy, rehabilitation, maternal and child services

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