



## 2017 ANNUAL UPDATE

## STEPHEN MUGISHA

As a young child, Stephen Mugisha and his family lived a good life in Tanzania; they owned 300 cows, three houses, and a large chunk of land. Stephen's mother was a housemom, able to stay at home and care for their eleven children while her husband traveled selling produce. She trusted in God's faithfulness to the family and prayed constantly.

One day when Stephen was 10 years old, the Tanzanian authorities came and rounded up Rwandans living within their borders, loaded them into trucks, drove them to the Rwandan border, and left them there. His father was not with them at the time, and one day thereafter, Stephen's mother received a call to say that her husband had been shot and killed. That same afternoon, in the refugee camp, she gave birth to her twelfth and youngest child.

In the midst of all their losses, Stephen's mother walked up to the top of a hill one night and prayed. She pleaded with God to protect her kids from all sorts of disease and to bring them help to go to school.

"My mom came down from the hill from praying and she told us that Jesus has given us a promise. A promise to get a sponsor, to be kept safe, to not fall sick, and to be provided for."

That moment began Stephen's own walk with Christ. His mother taught him and his siblings to pray, to know and trust God, and to understand what it means to be made in His image.

But the family's situation was precarious. With twelve children to support by herself, Stephen's mother could not meet all their needs.

After some time, a family friend introduced them to Africa New Life. Stephen and several of his siblings found sponsors. The family moved to Bugesera, where they have received enormous support from New Life Bible Church. Being a part of that church has helped Stephen grow spiritually, and he's joined the worship choir and practices weekly.

"Life now is much better because I go to school and church. Before, we only had cows and stayed in the bush all day. We didn't have a school or a church near us."

He is grateful to be attending school and has ambitious plans for the future.

"I don't want to stop at high school. I want to go to university and become a pilot. This is my dream. I am fascinated with how the planes fly and want to know more."

Stephen is motivated to do well in school by the thought that he will be able to help his family someday. He sees his education as the only way out of poverty.

"I needed a sponsor to help me realize my dreams so I will be able to provide for myself and for my family in the future. I feel motivated to work hard in school. It is a relief for my family so my mom doesn't have to worry about fees. The food packs are also such a help to our family."

Stephen, now 13 years old, has witnessed God's faithfulness to his family, despite and through their heartache and losses over the years.

"I trust Jesus because all the promises He had promised me, He has provided."

Thank you for your partnership in transforming lives like Stephen's.

Please enjoy the highlights of the past year included in this annual update.

## DREAM MEDICAL CENTER

Africa New Life is excited to announce the launch of the Dream Medical Center, opening on October 7, 2017! This center is the culmination of 8 years of prayer, hard work, generosity, and powerful movements of the Lord. What started as a dream in 2009 of a small clinic that would serve sponsored children in dire need has expanded to the building of a self-sustainable, accessible, high-quality medical and dental facility serving thousands of patients each year in Kigali and beyond. Once fully operational, the center will create over 100 high-quality Rwandan jobs and is projected to boost the local economy in a significant way.

Through the availability of a world-class facility, quality instrumentation, sterile environments, and well-trained staff, the Dream Medical Center will rise to the level of international standards and provide the highest quality of care while sharing the love of Jesus with thousands. Visit www.dreammedicalcenter.com to learn more about all that God is doing with the Dream Medical Center!



Advanced physical therapy and rehabilitation services



Labor and delivery, women's health, and pediatrics



5 donated containers of medical supplies and equipment

2,000+

women and children served through advanced OBGYN and pediatrics services in first year 2 operating theaters

\$4.1 million

raised in monetary and in-kind gifts for construction, equipment, staffing, and start-up costs

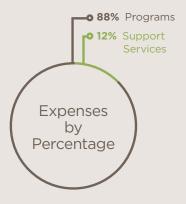
**40** beds

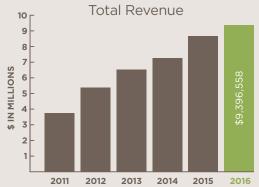


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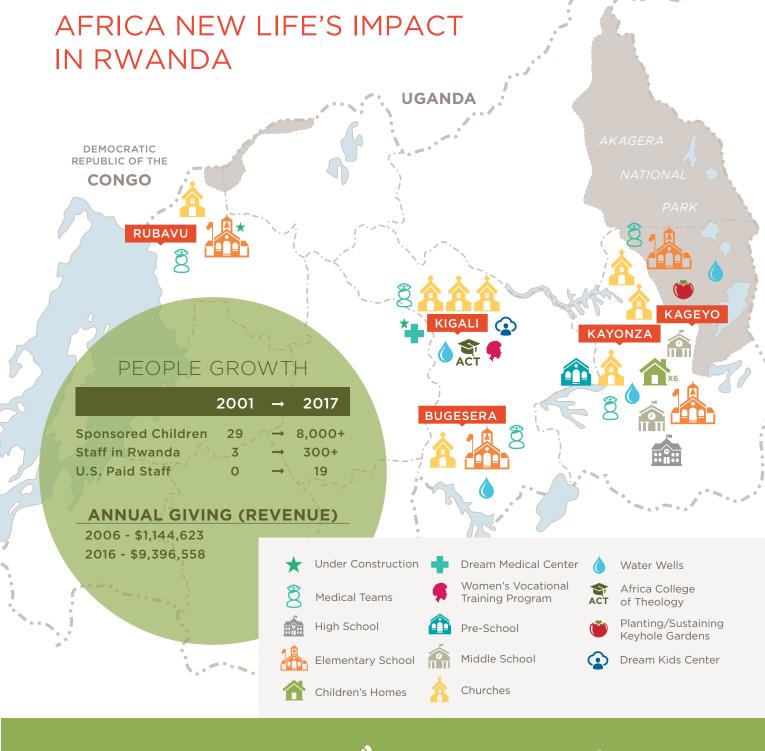








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190 STUDENTS & MINISTRY LEADERS enrolled in Africa



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children made decisions for Christ while thousands more heard the gospel



meals provided to children and families in our programs and schools



being equipped through vocational training programs



visitors to Rwanda last year