

Rwanda Aid

Autumn 2016

Dear Friend

So far in 2016, Rwanda Aid, with your invaluable support, has worked to improve the lives of **over 24,000 individuals** through organic farm training, classroom building, teacher training, enterprise development training, vocational training, disability awareness and street children reintegration. If you would like to see us win the **Justgiving 'Charity of the Year'** award, you can vote for us here: <https://www.justgiving.com/awards/2016/charity/>



As a thank you to all our supporters, Richard Follett, Headmaster of Vinehall School, made a fantastic video on his recent trip. It shows just some of the beneficiaries of our work, none of whom would have been supported without your generosity. To see their message of thanks, click on the image below or visit YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WTtjgeopmr0>



July and August saw an abundance of visitors to Rwanda Aid. The team, as always,

enjoy welcoming guests and pride sharing their vast achievements in their local area. On this occasion, Alex, our Education Manager, was delighted to have some visitors attend his wedding to Grace, and our Country Manager Felicien was delighted to announce the safe arrival of twin baby girls!



Visiting teachers from King's House School, Devonshire House School and Lady Eleanor Holles School took out valuable time in their holiday to deliver training to local teachers. Some of the UK teachers who have been to Rwanda before commented on the significant improvement in the teachers' English language skills, some of which will be down to the fantastic work of Alex, Isaac and Sarah who make up the Rwanda Aid education team.



Teachers from Wetherby School were delighted to combine their teacher training with the opening at Mwegera School where they funded new classrooms. Thank you Wetherby!



There were more celebrations when TEaM Rwanda (Tim, Elena and Matilda) attended the opening of the new nursery classrooms on Nkombo. TEaM Rwanda fundraised 90% of the cost through a variety of activities, including Tim having his hair shaved off!



The nursery has been transformed beyond belief in the past year: children who previously studied under tarpaulin now have a safe and secure learning environment in which to begin their educational journey. They will have 3 years of pre-primary education before starting in Year 1 at the newly built primary school adjacent to the nursery. A great start for these children.



Baho Neza Mwana, our village for children who have lived on the streets, has reintegrated a further 7 children back to their family or an adoptive family. They were issued with simple kits to support them in their transition, but will be followed-up and monitored carefully by our Rwanda Aid team at the village. 215 street



children have been supported at Baho Neza Mwana since this project began. If you would like to support a street child return to live with their family again, please contact Emma, our Child Sponsorship Coordinator:

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Rwanda Aid Christmas Cards!

Our craft ladies have been busy producing beautiful hand-made Christmas cards for 2016, including some new designs. They use local materials, including traditional African fabric and the bark from banana trees, to make their intricate Christmas cards. But hurry....the classic 'Red Robin' and the beautiful gift tags will sell out so please get your orders to Sally Chaplin as soon as possible! scpeasmash@hotmail.com



A huge thank you to everyone who has supported Rwanda Aid in 2016. We are immensely grateful to you and the whole team thank you for choosing Rwanda Aid.

Karen

Karen, David and the Rwanda Aid team