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BANQUET UPDATE



On September 9th we held our first Ten Talents International fundraising banquet at the Empress Palace in Woodland, Washington. It was a beautiful evening, delicious meal, and fantastic music that we were able to share with about 70-80 friends. The owners of the Empress went all out in hosting, preparing, and decorating for this event. We really enjoyed ourselves and got a lot of positive feedback from those who were there. A special congratulations to George & Robin Sams who won the drawing for a weekend at a Shilo Inn (and goody basket)! That night we took an offering specifically for purchasing a van for ERM for them to use as a taxi, so older orphans can earn money to support themselves. The van cost is \$10,000 (US) and we brought in \$2400, so that is a great start. In Faith Promises for Ten Talents International we also received \$1500 in new monthly pledges. We thank God for blessing us with a great night!

“INNOCENCE”

As many of you know, The Kanombe Children’s Home and the Faith Home are full and doing great. Together they house and care for 34 ex-street children. We praise God for each one. Unfortunately there are far more still on the streets. Our goal is to see the day when there are no children living on the streets of Kigali. We are committed to doing all that we can, until every child has a home. The next step towards this goal will be The Home of Innocence. This home will be different than the other homes. It will actually be a culmination of the best parts of everything we have done so far. TTI has been working with two separate organizations in Rwanda: Africa New Life Ministries and Evangelical Revival Ministries. The Home of Innocence will be a cooperation between all three organizations (we are also talking to a fourth organization with vast adoption experience). It will do this as a smooth flowing ministry that makes one family out of two broken people. ANLM runs the two current orphan homes and the feeding program that TTI started in 2004. ERM runs a *(continued on back...)*

ORPHAN SPONSORS NEEDED

- *Evangelical Revival Ministries* has been working in the country of Rwanda to help widows and orphans. ERM finds sponsors for orphans and places them in the home of a widow who otherwise could not afford to take care of them. By sponsoring the child you are blessing both an orphan and a widow. Currently, ERM has 400 children who are waiting to be sponsored. Please contact us, or visit www.ERMwanda.org to find out more.
- We also are in need of people, churches, or businesses who will provide a monthly sponsorship of the Faith Home or The Home of Innocence, to help underwrite the operating costs of these homes for former street children.

THEN AND NOW



Amiable came off of the streets and into the Kanombe Home, summer 2003

He has since moved into the Faith Home and is now in grade 4 in school. He is a sweet boy who enjoys drawing and singing. Pictured April, 2007



NOVEMBER TRIP

Scheduled for November 29th to December 15th, Mike & Emmanuel will be in Rwanda with the express purpose of finding the location of the new Home of Innocence. We would prefer finding a home that is already built. That would eliminate a lot of details & delay for construction. If a suitable home can not be found then they will look for property to build on. Please pray for this trip. Pray that Mike & Emmanuel would be led, for God to clear their path so things are accomplished quickly. Please pray for their protection, and that the home or property would be secured for a very reasonable price. And of course we need God's provision of the funds required. God will do it!

Pictured below are the first children brought from the streets into the Kanombe Home, September 2003.



"INNOCENCE" CONTINUED...

sponsorship program that matches a widow with an orphan. We will bring children into the Home of Innocence through the ANLM feeding program. The children will receive the love, counseling, and prayer that is needed to help them overcome the trauma experienced on the streets. The staff's goal will be to prepare each child to be placed into a home of a widow. At the same time that we are preparing a child, we will be working with ERM to provide training and support to a widow who will become the child's parent. When both the widow and the orphan are ready to become a family, we will then facilitate an adoption. The child will be sponsored through ERM and both the mother and the child will continue to receive counseling and encouragement as long as they need it. TTI will purchase and retain ownership of the Home of Innocence and will have at least one US missionary in the home full time.

Although this home will cost about \$100,000 to open, our goal is to raise \$10,000 by the end of November and the other \$90,000 by June 2008.

WHY "INNOCENCE"?

One of the first children we brought into the Kanombe Children's Home was named Innocent. Shortly after coming into the home he got so sick that he could not eat. He was taken to the hospital and put on IV. After a few days in the hospital he died. That was a very tough couple of weeks while Innocent was sick, a tough few days while he was in the hospital, and an unbearable day when we heard that Innocent had died. But on that day, God revealed to me that if we had not started the Kanombe Children's Home when we did, Innocent still would have died, but he would have died on the street, without knowing Christ as his savior, and without anybody even knowing his name. Instead Innocent died surrounded by people who loved him and were praying for him. This home is named for him, in honor of all the children on the streets who are waiting for someone to bring them into a home.



CURRENT EVENTS

- We are looking for opportunities for Mike to share with your congregation. We have some great Power Point presentations and a slide show that are sure to be enjoyed. Just talk to your pastor, or if you would prefer, we will contact them with you as a referral.
- Our website has been updated and now you can download a brochure or check out one of the Power Point presentations. We also have a link for you to donate via Paypal. Your on-line donation can be a one time gift or you can sign up to become a monthly donor & have the payments made automatically. Just go to: www.TenTalentsInt.org
- We now have a blog (on-line journal). You can come see it by going to www.TenTalentsInt.blogspot.com Lisa posts news and prayer requests there several times a month. It's a great way to stay updated on the latest events.
- **Michael and Emmanuel will be going to Rwanda November 29th through December 15th** to look for the perfect place for the Home of Innocence. *Please pray for God's guidance and provision.*

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