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Our New Property



When I arrived in Rwanda this past December, I had a purpose - to find a suitable site for the Home of Innocence, but I had no money to actually make a purchase. Had I thought about it in this light before I went half way across the world, I might have questioned God about the logic of such a seemingly foolish trip. Fortunately I did not question God about it.

Here is the story of what happened: After looking at some homes that were already built I decided to look for property instead. The area that I was most excited about is called Kagarama. It is within the city limits of Kigali, the capital, it is within two miles of Africa New Life Ministry's Dream Center (where the feeding program is located), it is between the existing airport and where the new airport will be built, it has a new paved road most of the way to it, and it has beautiful views of the surrounding hillsides. This is a very desirable location for those that can afford to build according to the high standards of construction the area is zoned for. The average lot in this area is about 1/4 acre and the people were asking around \$10,000 per lot. Through negotiations, one family was willing to sell us two adjoining lots for about \$14,000. Although this was a great deal, I wanted to hold out until we heard back from another man who had what I thought was 5 acres. I was told that he might sell it for as little as \$30,000. When I told a friend who knew the area and had purchased land near there, he said, "You can not get five acres in Kagarama for \$30,000. It would take a miracle." I still had not told anyone there that I did not have even the first dollar to make a purchase, but I knew that people back home were praying that God would provide.

God did provide! The land turned out to be 7 acres. We were able to give the seller the entire \$30,000 before I left! The majority of this money came from a no-interest loan from a partner church that believes in the vision of helping get street children into loving Godly homes. We are calling the new property **Acres of Hope**.

Matching Donation

You now have the opportunity to participate in purchasing the 7 **Acres of Hope**. As a matter of fact, every dollar that is given towards the loan repayment will be matched with an additional \$.50 from a matching donation. Our goal in this next month is to raise the entire \$22,000 that we still owe. This new property will not only allow us to build the *Home of Innocence* but so much more. You can be a part of this ministry that will reach so many hurting hearts in Rwanda. **Will you help us reach our goal? The amount you give will become 50% more because of matching funds.** Please be sure to indicate that your gift is for the "Acres of Hope".

Pastor's Luncheon

We are sponsoring a luncheon for pastors and business leaders at the Heathman Lodge on Monday, February 11th at noon. (There is no cost for those who attend.) The purpose of this luncheon is to introduce TTI to pastors and business leaders, in the hopes of building partners so we can work together in advancing the kingdom of God and in practicing true religion that is, "pure and undefiled... to look after orphans and widows in their distress." James 1:27

Acres of Hope

One of the things that is needed most in the country of Rwanda is hope. Ten Talents International plans to use every square foot of the 7 acres that God has provided us with to bring hope to the people and children of Rwanda.

Besides the Home of Innocence, we also plan to build two smaller homes that will be used by the widows/adoptive families during the final week that the children are with us. When the children and widow/adoptive families are both ready to become a family they will spend their first week together in one of these homes. This will give us time to make repairs, if needed, to the family's home as well as give them time to get used to living together as a family while still having easy access to the loving staff at the Home of Innocence.

We also plan to build an auto shop and carpentry training center with dorms on top to allow us to provide valuable training to some of the older street kids. With these training facilities we will be able to help those who are too old to be placed into a home. They will instead learn the skills needed to provide for themselves and even someday provide for a family of their own. Lord willing, we also plan to build a mission house that will be used for short and long term missionaries that come to Rwanda to work with Ten Talents International and our partner ministries.



Ten Talents International - Please note our new address!

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Short Term Trips

We are planning three trips to Rwanda this year. The first will be April 30th through May 17th. This team will be focusing on ministering to the children in the orphan homes and the street children's feeding program. We will also spend some time at the new Acres of Hope.

The next trip will be the first two weeks of June and will focus on ministering in churches and training pastors. We will also visit the orphan homes, the feeding program, and the Acres of Hope property.

The third trip will be in November. The November team will focus on construction and service projects on the Acres of Hope and the Home of Innocence.

Your gifts and talents do not have to specifically match a certain trip, but you may feel led to be a part of one more than another. People go on teams for a reason. They may not know before they leave why they are going, but by the time they return home they are convinced that God knew what He was doing. If you would like to learn more about going on one of these trips, please give us a call.



Current Events

- Mike will be sharing at Grace Community Church in Woodland, WA on February 3rd.
- Pastors & Business Leaders' Luncheon on February 11th at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver.
- Informational meeting for the April 30th trip to Rwanda on February 17th at 4pm.
- Application deposit of \$200 for April 30th trip due on February 17th.
- \$200 application fee due for April trip by Feb. 17

KaLia's Corner

KaLia, our 9 year old daughter, is "on board" and very excited about what God is going to do in the Home of Innocence and on the Acres of Hope property. She likes to dream & visualize new things, here are a few of her thoughts:

I think that we will build a school called Pathway to Life. It will have a playground and a soccer field. We think that we should build adoptive parent homes. I feel that God wants us to do these things. I think whatever we use the property for it will be God's will.