



HOPE HAVEN
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The King Will Reply

Can you believe it's the fourth quarter of 2020? For some of us, it feels like this year has taken forever. For others, it's gone by quickly. I think both are true in certain ways for each person. When everything was canceled and we started staying home in mid-March, it was such an abrupt and drastic change, the days felt like weeks. Now that we've been restricting our activities for over six months, it's hard to believe it's been so long.

As Americans, we have more control over our daily lives than we likely ever recognized until this year. It's possible this is part of the reason why there are so much angst and debate in our country about how we should react to this virus and the pandemic. When we are told how to act, what to do, and what not to do, a lot of us don't like it – we're used to having so many freedoms.



Crowds gather outside the gates of Hope Haven Rwanda in early April for the first food distribution.

When you work with the students and their families at Hope Haven or work in

developing countries in general, you realize that most of these precious children of God don't have nearly as much control over their daily situations as we do. When they were told to stay home, it meant they couldn't earn their daily wages to buy food for that day. They had little choice but to follow the orders. They don't have bank accounts or cabinets full of supplies. Thankfully, for the villages around Hope Haven, we were able to provide food for them to prepare and eat during the quarantine. They were so thankful and blessed through this outpouring of love, it brought tears to my eyes! They have so little and are thankful for so much.

The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' - Matthew 25:40

Is it our "fault" that we are Americans, living in the land of plenty, able to provide well for ourselves and our families? No, certainly not. God placed each one of us where he wants us. **He doesn't want us to feel guilt over our situation in life, but I do believe he has called us to care for "the least of these" – those who, through the location of their birth or other circumstances, don't have the opportunities we have.** Thank you for your support during this challenging year! Many of you have increased your support or sponsored a child through the Kugaba Initiative, and the families of Hope Haven are so blessed because of your faithfulness!

We're excited to announce that the government of Rwanda has decided to start the process to reopen schools! We hope to have our 753 students back on campus every day in November, God willing! Officials from the government have released guidelines for the reopening of schools which include temperature taking, handwashing stations, social-distancing of one meter in classrooms, and mandatory mask-wearing. The team at Hope Haven is working diligently to be ready for our inspection, which is necessary before students will be allowed back on campus. **Please pray with us that this process will proceed smoothly and as quickly as possible and that our students will be safe and healthy when they return to school.**

We're also pleased to announce that God is blessing [the capital campaign](#) to build the secondary school! We have received over \$800,000 towards the \$1.8 million we need to finish funding the secondary school in the last month. Praise God! Would you like to watch a video about this need and see renderings of the campus addition? Visit [our website](#) to check it out! You can also be a piece of this ongoing hope by [donating online](#).

Thank you for being a supporter of Hope Haven, working with God to provide education, nutrition, instruction, and love for the least of these in these villages around our campus!

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KUGABA Initiative

A RELATIONAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Sponsoring a student at Hope Haven Rwanda is a simple way to demonstrate the love, commitment, and hope of Jesus Christ. The relationship you form will profoundly change the future for your child and will change your own life as well. [Read a recent story](#) from our blog about Emmanuel and his Hope Angels Cary and Karen.

We are praying for 100 new Hope Angels before the end of the year!

Maybe you or someone you know are ready to invest in a child, their family, and help transform a community. Click on the button below to learn more and find your perfect match.

[Become a Hope Angel](#)



Amazon Prime Day

Prime Day is an annual deal event just for Prime members on October 13-14, delivering incredible savings on products from small businesses and top brands.

The deals are even hotter and when you shop through Amazon Smile, **Hope Haven will receive 0.05% of your purchase when you select [Hope Haven Charitable Trust](#) as your charity of choice. Every cent counts!**

Colorado Gives Day

Colorado's largest day of giving, Colorado Gives Day, is taking place on Tuesday, December 8. On this day, thousands of people come together to support Colorado nonprofits like ours. **When you donate to Hope Haven, you are helping to transform Rwandan families through a holistic approach to education and discipleship, actively demonstrating the love, hope, and truth of Jesus Christ.**



This year's \$1.5 Million Incentive Fund is made possible by Community First Foundation, FirstBank, and other community members to boost the value of every donation. **To donate to us on Colorado Gives Day, go to [ColoradoGives.org](#).** Or, beginning November 1, schedule your donation early!



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