

HOPE HAVEN

### July 2022

#### It's Summertime!

What a wonderful time of the year! Earlier this month, United States citizens celebrated Independence Day. Many Americans enjoyed family, food, and fireworks! I am grateful for our nation and the rich heritage and amazing opportunities we have been given.

In Rwanda, we had a holiday weekend as well. On Liberation Day, commemorating the end of the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi, I celebrated by driving to the highest point in our neighborhood with a group of volunteers. With a stunning view, we talked about the remarkable country of Rwanda. Hours later, on my return from an evening airport pickup, with another crew of volunteers, we were treated to a fireworks display over the city of Kigali.



We have "fireworks" happening on campus right now as well - in the form of welding sparks! In the dining area of the new education building, welders work six days a week and the sparks are flying non-stop! This hard-working team from our community are incredibly gifted. They fashion every piece of metal on the campus into window frames, roof trusses, door frames, railings, even the beds - all hand-made! Hope Haven buys the tube steel and these workers create something functional and beautiful.

**Summer is also a season of many visitors at Hope Haven Rwanda.** In May, Susan was grateful to host a group who trained our talented teachers in literacy programs. Then Susan and Wendy hosted dozens of family volunteers who started a home build for an amazing mom of four. We are glad to support such a hardworking, savings-minded, single mom. All of the groups got to work on and see the progress of the house. Wendy invited Denver Christian students, a school group new to Hope Haven. Now I'm serving alongside groups from Mission Hills Church, Valor Christian High School, International Medical Relief, and a great group of young interns.



Our Rwandan Staff graciously come alongside our guests in so many meaningful ways. Staff and guests serve together to engage with students through mentoring and tutoring, home visits, and serving meals. Together they work on installing water purification systems, strategizing school technology, and they even squeezed in some lively games of

Our hearts are full of joy as we thank God for the outreach of Hope Haven Rwanda! Thank you for being part of the beautiful story that God is writing in this vulnerable community. We are witnessing miracles every day—too many to share—but we know none of it would happen without you. Please keep sharing this story and joining us in prayer as we serve in Rwanda this summer!

In Christ,

*Dr. Jason Peters*, CEO Hope Haven Rwanda

soccer and volleyball with the students.



As the summer flies by, our students will close out their 2021-2022 school year on July 15th. Over the past few weeks, our students have been excitedly reading their letters from Hope Angels and writing their responses. These letters mean the world to them!

In the last couple of months, campus has been abuzz with summer visitors. Joy lights up our students' faces as they make new friends with our Hope Haven guests. Even with the quiet of summer, some students will stay busy. Please join us to pray and ask God to bless our Primary 6 (6th grade) and Senior 3 (9th grade) students who will be taking their National Exams on July 18 - 20 and July 26 - August 5, respectively.

As we look ahead to the next school year and our increased enrollment, **we invite you to consider sponsoring a student.** Hope Angels' monthly sponsorship provides education and nutrition, as well as the opportunity to mentor and encourage students through letter writing. **Signing up to sponsor a child is easy!** Please <u>take a look</u> to see which students are still waiting for their Hope Angel, or reach out to <u>Paige Steele</u>, Investor Relations Manager, for more information.



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