



HOPE HAVEN

RWANDA

April 2023

Greetings Hope Haven Friends!

We had an amazing turnout at Fabric of Hope last week! Almost 400 people showed up for an evening of great Hope Haven updates and lively auctioneering. **Liz Ingabire was here, all the way from Rwanda**, and gave us a great update on the student body – which has grown by 75% since last school year. She enjoyed seeing many familiar faces as well as meeting many new people! Over 80 students were sponsored by Hope Angels – wow! **God brought over \$1.5 million to Hope Haven!** These donations are crucial to fund the education for the school year as well as help us complete the secondary campus project.



Speaking of, BOTH of our water wells are now drilled and are providing excellent amounts of water for our campus daily! This is truly a miracle, and one we have been eagerly awaiting since October when we opened the campus. The flow rates on these wells are far beyond what we could have hoped for – God is showing what HE can do where and when HE decides to. Once the rainy season ends next month, we'll be able to begin working on the recreation areas for the campus – a regulation soccer pitch, basketball and volleyball courts, and maybe even some

One of the newly drilled water wells on campus

the fence around the property, landscaping, as well as farming and gardening on otherwise unused parts of the property.

It is the third and final term of the school year in Rwanda. The students started third term mid-April and it will end in mid-July. **It's crunch time for our 6th and 9th graders**, who will be taking their national exams after school ends in July. The teachers and students are diligently working to complete the assigned curriculum in ways which are meaningful to learning, understanding and application. These students also participate in additional study courses on Saturdays. Did you know all of Hope Haven's classes are taught in English? (Well, except for French and Kinyarwanda language classes...) Our students speak many languages by the time they're in secondary school, and it's a joy to be able to communicate with them in English!

We covet your prayers for an industrious summer season – for the students to finish this school year well, for the construction to proceed well and toward completion, and for the many, many visitors coming to Hope Haven this busy summer season. **We also need more of our students to be sponsored through our Kugaba Initiative.** Many of you already sponsor a student; could you please pray for more sponsors and share this program and video with a friend? The students long for a relationship with an American who will write letters to them a few times a year and pray for them, and Hope Haven relies on these recurring donations to provide excellent education.



Thank you for your investment in Hope Haven – prayers, resources, introductions. We appreciate you!

In Christ,
Wendy Raffaeli, CPA
Director of Finance and Development

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Our students recently returned from the nation-wide break in April to commemorate the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi. Please pray for them as they dive back in to their studies!

A huge THANK YOU and welcome to all of our new Hope Angels who chose a Hope Haven student to sponsor at our Fabric of Hope event last week!

We'd also like to extend a heartfelt thanks to our sponsors for writing to your Kugaba Kid(s) over the last few months. It's such a special thing for the kids to have letters to read and someone to write back to during Letter Writing Day at the school. Your commitment and willingness makes that possible. We hope you enjoyed reading the letter from your student! **Please submit your reply by June 1st, although you are welcome to write anytime by emailing your letter to paige@hopehavenrwanda.org or by logging into your account.**



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