



HOPE HAVEN
RWANDA

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A New School Year is Underway!

Kevin and I arrived at Hope Haven just in time for the start of the new school year! We greeted over 700 Secondary students and their parents, many arriving at Hope Haven after long journeys on buses from across all 30 districts in Rwanda. **Students were so excited to receive uniforms and check in to their dorms, meeting old and new friends along the way! What an amazing day!**

School officially started on Monday, September 25th. We have 1,789 students on campus every day this year. Fifth and sixth graders are now learning in our secondary classroom building and they love it! I am so grateful for the completed buildings, water reserves, and all the added organization that we have this year. **What a difference a year makes. God is so good!**



I am also grateful for the 50 guests who visited Hope Haven this fall. They worked on building a house and also visited multiple families of students in their homes. The Jones Family recently took the time to visit eight families. We invite you to watch their afternoon adventure; these families represent the home life of most of the students attending Hope Haven.

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Many guests used expertise in their respective fields to teach classes in computer, math, music, etc. Our visitors are impressed with the curriculum and the teachers' ability to teach, all while handling various challenges in the content. **It is wonderful to have experts affirm what is being taught in our classrooms.**

Lois McNair from Summit Ministries was here for 10 days teaching the Christian World View curriculum to our Chaplains and teachers. This new curriculum was well-received last year, and now, with additional training, **staff are ready to set our students on a path of Christian Leadership!** We are grateful to Summit Ministries for their support and contribution to our ministry through their excellent curriculum.



We are making dramatic progress on the new secondary sports complex! **The stadium seating is 80% finished!** We are thankful the rains held off, keeping the completed dirt work in place. Tall chain link fences are going up to keep soccer balls, basketballs, volleyballs and pickle balls in their respective fields. We will also have a running track with three lanes around the soccer field. Locker rooms and concrete courts start soon. **The kids can't wait! In their brief free time, they intently watch as the community workers bring their sports complex**

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When my stay ends at Hope Haven this month, I'll be traveling with our debate students to Yale University for the World Scholar's Cup Tournament of Champions. Please pray for safe travels and for their time in the U.S. learning and competing!

I'm thankful for all of you and your hearts for Hope Haven.

Blessings In Christ,

Susan Hollern, Founder and President

KUGABA *Korner*



The new school started with **over 150 new students in the Baby class**. Many of these attended government funded home based pre-schools last year. Rwanda started this program to help ensure children are not left alone during the day while their parents seek out work. For many of these families, this is the first child to attend school.

The Kugaba Initiative funds education as well as community and family development in Murindi, and provides necessary relationships for our students through the letter writing program. **What could be more meaningful than having a friend in the United States cheering you on?**

Sponsored students just received their letters from their Hope Angels and will be writing back soon.

We are looking for more Hope Angels to meet the needs of increased enrollment. Please consider [sponsoring one or more children](#) or hosting a party to introduce family and friends to Hope Haven.

Please reach out to [Paige Travelstead](#), Investor Relations Manager if you're interested in helping to grow the Kugaba Initiative program.

Student Success Beyond Hope Haven

Many Hope Haven supporters have asked over the years, "When students graduate will they be able to go attend college and find jobs?" **The answer is Yes!** Rwanda is ready for leaders in education, engineering, law, political posts, and private industry.

Our career and college guidance program is dedicated to training and preparing Christian world leaders with these four pillars:

- 1. Career & Academic Counseling with Work-Based Learning Opportunities**
- 2. University Selection, Mentoring and Internships**
- 3. Job Placement in Leadership Roles around Rwanda**

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We started this project by hiring three Academic Advisors to guide students in career counseling, expose them to work-based learning and internship opportunities, and to provide them with university guidance. The next phase of their education will begin in less than two years when the first graduates of Hope Haven Christian School will enter university.

Stay tuned for more information about this foundational and epic capstone and how you can be involved!

Colorado Gives Day

Colorado's largest day of giving, **Colorado Gives Day**, is taking place on **Tuesday, December 5**. 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 Million Incentive Fund is made possible by Colorado Gives Foundation (formerly 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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