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*"Helping Rwanda's children have a future."*

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### April 1994

This month is the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rwandan genocide, when in just 100 days, an estimated 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus were massacred. Throughout April, the country holds services of commemoration and reconciliation. The 7<sup>th</sup> April is a public holiday.



The children of Rwanda are still suffering from the consequences of the conflict. There are an estimated

101,000 children that are heading approximately 42,000 households.

These children have lost parents for various reasons

– many were murdered during the genocide, some have died from AIDS and others are in prison for genocide-related crimes.



Help us make a real difference to a life of a child by helping them get an education and a better future.



*"Education is the door to freedom, democracy and development."* (Nelson Mandela)

### Motorbike

Last month, we raised £465 to buy a motorbike.

Thanks to friends at Mount Kirk Church and the Probus Club, Greenock, we are able to buy a motorbike for our staff in Rwanda.

Douglas and Sarah will be going to Rwanda this summer, where they will purchase the bike. The motorbike will enable our staff to travel to rural villages in the eastern province, where many of the families we support live. The bike can also be used to transport children to the hospital if they are ill, as ambulances are not always available in these villages.

### Child Sponsorship

**Sponsor a child and help them fulfill their dreams.**

At the moment, we have sponsors for 26 children, but many more need your help.

The children have completed their first term at school and are making good progress. Some have started secondary school and a few are now in their final year at primary school, so are working hard for the leaving exams.



Why not sponsor a child?

Your money will go directly to the child. It will send them to school, help feed them and buy a uniform and school materials.

**Primary school child - £12 a month**

**Secondary school child - £14 a month**

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## Promote Aid for Education

We believe it is our duty to share God's love with the people most in need and you don't have to work for a charity full time to make a difference. You could help run events, tell all your friends and family about our work or of course go to Rwanda.

By promoting Aid for Education you could be changing lives.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- **Invite us to talk at your school, church or organisation.** We are available to take assemblies, class or group presentations, CUs or clubs.
- **Run a fundraising event.** Why not do a sponsored walk or cycle, car wash, or coffee morning? Contact us with your ideas and we'll give you sponsor forms and literature.
- **Collect old CDs and DVDs.** Ask your friends and family for any old CDs and DVDs and give them to us to help raise money. Contact us for more information.
- **Recycle your old mobile phones and ink cartridges.** Did you know that more than 1.1 billion inkjet cartridges are used annually around the world? Laid end to end this would be 129 times as long as the Great Wall of China! So why not have a positive impact on the environment as well as raising cash for Aid for Education?
- **Shop on Amazon.** Help raise money when shopping on Amazon. Simply go to the online store via the link on our website ([www.aidforeducation.co.uk](http://www.aidforeducation.co.uk)) and Amazon will donate up to 10% on referral fees to Aid for Education.

## School Project

Education is crucial for development and one of the most powerful tools in breaking the cycle of poverty. Aid for Education hopes to build a school in the east of Rwanda, where we will train new teachers as well as local teachers, who will then bring their new skills into the classrooms.



Support our school project and help us make a difference to the lives of Rwandan children and their communities.

## Go to Rwanda!



This summer, Sarah will be joined on her trip, by a volunteer from Northern Ireland.

Travelling to Rwanda is a great opportunity and could change you for the rest of your life. Witnessing the need first hand and having an opportunity to respond to it is an amazing experience.

However, it also affects the Rwandans, as it shows them that you care enough to leave the comforts of your home to go out and help them.