

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES WITH SPONSORED CHILDREN IN RWANDA

(February, 2016–May, 2016)

“Proclaim the word; be urgent in season and out of season, convict, rebuke, encourage, with all longsuffering and doctrine” (2 Timothy 4:2).

1. Introduction

Dear brothers and sisters,

We rejoice in the Lord to send you this short report describing some of our activities from February to May 2016 with sponsored children in Rwanda.

2. Activities

2.1 Procurement and distribution of school supplies for sponsored children.

The period began with the opening of primary and secondary schools for the 2016 school year in Rwanda. At the beginning of every school year, a week after opening we complete the update of the list of sponsored children. This is done by identifying children who completed or who left the primary school at Muhima with which we work. This year 28 children completed or left, so we have 28 new children that were able to enter the program.

[The sponsored children rejoicing after receiving the school supplies](#)



For a total of 200 children, we received a budget of **8,100,000 Rwandan Francs (FRW: about \$10,730 US)** to pay for their contributions to the school fees and supplies they will use this school year. With this amount we bought new uniforms and other school supplies that we found necessary in collaboration with the school and parents/guardians.

This activity is difficult and stressful because we have to make the right choices and determine who should be chosen to enter the program from among many parents/guardians who come that day. The Lord was with us, and the school was also close by and could assisted us to carry out this activity in all sincerity and honesty.

2.2 Monthly meetings with sponsored children

After February, which was dedicated to the purchase and distribution of supplies, the monthly meetings took place again. The children are divided into two groups and each group meets once a month. Both groups have badges, the first carry blue badges and the second green ones.

The meetings this year began with a room change as we had to meet in one of the Muhima primary school's classrooms where all the sponsored children study. In this room, supposed to be for 40 students at most, we spend more than three hours with over 80 children. The Lord gives us the strength to handle this situation and to give the message to as many children as possible.

[The children answering questions about a Bible story they have heard](#)



The activities that take place in these meetings are the presentation of a Bible story, questions about the story read, learning the songs from the French hymnbook "Come to Me" or another hymn book of children's songs we received from our brother David Moy de Vitry from Switzerland. Coloring pictures is not possible because of the problem with the meeting room mentioned above.

After each meeting the children share a meal and go home very happy.

2.3 Visits to families of sponsored children

At the beginning of the year we started visiting the new sponsored children who replaced the children who completed primary school or left for other reasons.

Of a total of 28 new children who entered the program we have visited 14. The visits were made during the first quarter vacation, because during this time it is easy to find children and parents/guardians together at home. The children we have seen have multiple problems: some are homeless, some have HIV/AIDS, and there are other serious problems we describe in short reports made after each visit. These short visit reports are sent to our sister Ellen Meijnen from the Netherlands who is in charge of sponsorship.

Visiting the family who hosts Dieudonné Nyankunde, who was found in the street with his little brother.



2.4 Use of the received budget

For this time period, we had to manage two different budgets: one budget for purchase of school supplies for the children, and the other for the monthly meetings and other daily activities with the children.

The detailed tables of actual expenses of these budgets are attached to this report.

3. Conclusion

As always, we will never stop expressing our gratitude to all the brothers and sisters who give themselves to the success of these activities: whether those who give physically and financially or those others who give their time to various activities to promote the continuing studies of these children and their knowledge of the love of our God.

We commend this work to the Good Shepherd, He who knows His own. Those who are close to Him shall not want. (Psalm 23.1)

Affectionately, your sisters in Christ

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