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Faith and Forgiveness

Written by Joan Oksenholt

"The depth of my mother's love for all of her children was boundless," Kabera tells me. "We had everything we needed in the Democratic Republic of Congo. **We lived on a farm, had all the food we could eat, and if one of us children needed something, our parents would provide it.** Our family prayed together daily and we attended church each week. We had a very good life."

Kabera was 12 years old when the rebels came during the night. They banged on the door of the house, shouting that the door must be opened. Kabera's mom quickly awakened the children, telling them that they must run when she opened the door. She

stood in the doorway while her children scattered in many directions out the back. Some of the rebels chased them. Although the bullets flew around them, they weren't hit. The rest of the killers grabbed their mom and interrogated her, asking her where her husband and children were. When she refused to answer, they killed her with machetes in the front yard of their home. **"My beautiful mother sacrificed her life for us."**

Kabera, teary eyed, said. Their father had gone to do some business in a village nearby. Eventually the children learned that another group of rebels had kidnapped and killed him. They were heartbroken when they heard the news. Their dad was dead; (Con't on page 2)



Kabera is an Impact Hope graduate with a successful tailoring business.

(Cont'd from front page) they were orphans.

Kabera and his oldest brother, Justin, decided that it might be possible to continue to live in their country if they could find a peaceful area. They prayed for God to help them find such a place. The rebels eventually came each time they found a safe place to live but they never found them; their bullets and machetes never hurt them. **After five years of moving around the DRC looking for safety and staying in hiding when they couldn't find it, the young family made the tough decision to leave their country and flee to safety in Rwanda.** Led by their elder brother Justin, they began the long walk on narrow paths through the forests, eating a little fruit and vegetables they found along the way, and taking turns carrying their five-year-old brother on their backs. "It took us a week to reach the border," Kabera says, "and hunger walked with us every step of the way. Hunger hurts like a bad disease."

They were sad and confused when they reached the Nyabiheke refugee camp. Although they were Congolese, they could never return to their home. They had no family or friends to help them at the camp; they were alone. Finding small jobs to earn money for food was a challenge; making their home habitable was too. Nonetheless the family prayed together daily and thanked God for His love. Eventually Kabera and his younger siblings went to school, but they never had enough food and they were always hungry.

Then, Impact Hope came and Kabera was selected as a student. Kabera smiles as he says, **"Impact Hope changed my life! I was able to go to a good school with teachers who cared about us. We had beds to sleep on, good food at each meal, textbooks, and we worshipped God together each day."** After he graduated, Impact Hope sent him to a vocational training school where he learned tailoring. A sponsor helped him get the equipment he needed, and



Kabera gives free instruction to refugees in the camp who want to learn tailoring.

currently Kabera has a tailoring business in the camp. It's the Congolese custom for the father to give each of his children a name. Kabera was given the name Ndagije. It means give to others and you will be blessed. He knows this is true and because of it he gives free tailoring instruction to refugee students who want to learn tailoring. **If you have received a tote bag or an apron from Impact Hope, it's because Kabera Ndagije and his team have sewn them.** "It's a blessing to help Impact Hope because they have given me such a bright future." Kabera says.

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I asked Kabera if he'd forgiven the men who had killed his parents. "God loves all of us," he said. **"My faith is strong because I know that God is powerful. I forgive them because Jesus forgives me in my daily life. Prayer is the key to everything. I pray for those men every day, hoping that they will understand how much God loves them and will repent from their hateful and murderous ways."** Faith, forgiveness, and prayer form the basis of Kabera's life. He believes that the best way to honor God is to share his love with others. His love is shown in his actions as well as his words.

100 Of These Young Refugees Join Impact Hope!



100 more young refugees joined the Impact Hope sponsorship program.

In our March newsletter, we shared an article published by the United Nations that **Impact Hope is currently the only HOPE for eligible students to attend schools of excellency outside of the refugee camps.** At the time, 553 students were waiting in the camps for an opportunity to go to school.

We are excited to share that because of our amazing family of supporters, 100 more young refugees joined the Impact Hope sponsorship

program! Though 100 students were added to the Impact Hope program, this still leaves 100's more in the camps. **YOU can make a difference by praying for these kids, sharing this with a friend and donating at impacthope.com.**

We are incredibly grateful for your heart for these refugees. Thank you for partnering with us in the mission of bringing hope and education to refugee youth in Rwanda!

You Are Restoring Hope to the Vulnerable

By Gad Bakinahe, Education Project Manager Impact Hope Rwanda

I grew up in Tanzania, where my Rwandan parents moved to during the 1994 genocide. Since I was little, my dream was to put a smile on the faces of those in anguish or uncertainty. This dream led me to study Public Health in university and a career in working for various humanitarian agencies. Growing up away from my home country because of unfair circumstances has contributed to my decision to work with refugees. I feel passionate about working with Impact Hope due to their mission to bring hope to young people whose hope has been dwindling with time.

The world is full of sorrow and pain. **Refugees are powerless to break the cycle of living in the camps without support.** Working in the field, I see many greedy people who benefit from the burden of these refugees. However, Impact Hope donors, like you, are among the few who care and are willing to share what they have. **Your giving, no matter the amount, is restoring hope to young, vulnerable refugees.**

One day, Jesus will come to end the turmoil, pain, and hopelessness forever. While we wait, **I believe God uses people who accept His invitation to be His Hands.** May the Lord God bless all who take time to serve others.



Recent Trip to Africa!



Happy Summer! I recently returned from visiting our students and local Impact Hope staff in Rwanda. I was privileged to have our board member, Terrie Griebel, with me on this

trip. She previously served as a volunteer at our Summer Trade Programs in 2017 & 2018. She said she was thrilled to see all the progress and new programming that Impact Hope has started since her last visit.

There are new Center for Hope Business Extension Centers located outside of the refugee camps and we visited Kigeme and Mugombwa centers to observe the vocational internship program and skilled training that will connect these students to the market and teach them to earn money to support their families.

We ended our trip meeting the precious kids at Adonai Children's home in Uganda, a special project we supported on International Women's Day. I can tell you that the funds raised will make an enormous difference in these kids' lives. Their continual prayers to God for help were answered through you!



Liz Thomas

Executive Director of Impact Hope

Impact Hope Docuseries on 3ABN

Tuesday's 3:15pm PST & Friday's 4:45pm PST



The Impact Hope docuseries is a 13 episode series that highlights the harsh realities of the Rwandan refugee crisis and the personal struggles of young adults seeking a better life.

See how YOU and Impact Hope have provided life changing opportunities. Through education, vocational training and entrepreneurial development, countless lives have been transformed.

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