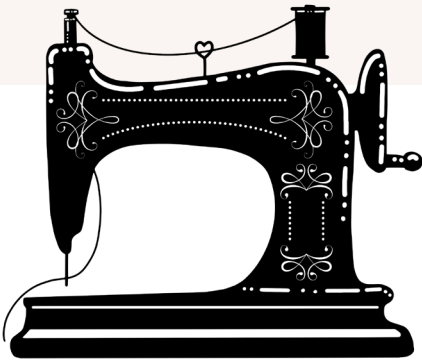




Stitching A BRIGHTER FUTURE THIS GIVING TUESDAY



The Kigali Tailoring Center Will Offer:

- **A Bridge to Independence:** Equipping trainees with market-driven skills and practical experience to enhance their competitiveness in the job market.
- **Income Opportunities:** The center will produce "Made in Rwanda" clothing, allowing them to begin supporting themselves and their families immediately.
- **Business Skills:** The center will offer business training, helping participants learn the basics of running a small business, marketing, and financial management.

Impact Hope vocational trade students are learning life-changing skills at the Center for Hope, a vocational trade school in Rwanda that you helped launch in 2021! These young people aren't just being taught a trade—they're finding renewed confidence and the chance to dream again. But training alone isn't enough. Without the necessary resources and opportunities, refugees risk falling back into the cycle of poverty.

To bridge this critical gap, Impact Hope is launching the first ever Kigali Tailoring Center, a space where the Center for Hope tailoring graduates can gain the practical experience, business training, and tools needed to start their careers and, one day, their own businesses.

This Giving Tuesday, our goal is to raise \$50,000 to launch a tailoring center in Kigali, the capital of Rwanda.

Your generous support will help launch the Kigali Tailoring Center and continue making a meaningful impact in the lives of young refugees.

To Learn More and Donate:

- Scan the QR code
- Visit ImpactHope.com
- Call us at (503) 673-3905





Sponsorship provides students like Docile with a quality Christian education, a safe place to live, three nourishing meals each day, and hope for a brighter future. Thank you for making a lasting impact on young refugee lives!

Our Dreams Have No Limit

By Joan Oksenholt

"Our life in Congo was so good! We lived on a beautiful hill in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Our cows and livestock thrived and so did our family," Docile remembers. "Our mother grew such a large garden that she sold food to others; we had plenty of food to eat and all the milk we wanted to drink. Our parents were able to send their children to good schools and our teachers were excellent. They loved to see their students learn. My friends and I played and sang together during our breaks."



Docile is now attending university in Kigali, Rwanda!

"The joy of my childhood was shattered when I was nine. The rebels came to our area and their bullets flew everywhere. Many people were killed." Docile's family knew they had

to leave quickly; Docile and some of her siblings went with her dad, the rest fled with their mother. Docile says softly, **"I can't forget that time - it was so bad! We were running as quickly and quietly as we could. We hid in the bush when the rebels shot people fleeing near us. We could hear them as they died. It was horrifying."** There was no time to find food or to find a safe place to sleep. They didn't know where the rest of their family was; all they knew was that they had to keep running. Finally, they found their mother and siblings in the forest - Docile was so thankful to be able to hug her mom again. They continued moving quickly, falling in the muddy water of the swamps, getting scraped by thorns, hiding in fear when the rebels were close. **After five days, they reached the transit camp in Rwanda. They were hungry and exhausted, but safe.**

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When the family was sent to the refugee camp, they were shocked at the thousands of people who lived there. "We had to wait in long lines

to be given a little maize flour, beans, oil, salt and a tiny bit of soap. They gave us a very small house made of mud and dung to live in. We were crowded together wall to wall. We were very dirty, but we had to wait in another long line for a shower. There was never enough food; there was only enough for one meal a day. **All of us were psychologically traumatized; many people in the camp were very sick also. We begged our parents to take us back home, but it wasn't safe for us. We were refugees.** The reality was we had no choice. We had to live in the camp." Docile paused for a moment, then continued, "I made the decision that even if I didn't have food or clothes, I would get an education."

Docile was hungry but she went to school anyway. "It's hard to learn in that situation, but I was determined to study hard. I didn't want to live in the camp forever. Doing well in school gave me the hope of a bright future." Somehow God helped her push through the hunger; and Docile focused on learning as much as she could. Her diligence paid off. She took the national exam at the end of ninth grade. **Her scores were high, and Impact Hope selected her to go to Gahogo, a Christian boarding school known for its educational excellence.**

"I was so excited! I told my family that dreams have no limit. God has thousands of ways He can use to help us."



Pictured above is Gihembe refugee camp. Families navigate the daily hardships of scarce food, crowded shelter, and no electricity or running water.

"I was so excited! I told my family that dreams have no limit. God has thousands of ways He can use to help us." Docile studied hard at Gahogo and earned high scores on the national exams given at the end of her senior year. "Now I'm an Impact Hope student at the Adventist University of Central Africa (AUCA) where I'm studying software engineering. I love all my classes and I'll be well prepared to get a job when I graduate. Impact Hope has changed my life. Now I'll have the ability to help my family as well as the community where I'll live and work after graduation. **The sponsors have given me the gift of a wonderful education in Christian schools. Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to pursue my dreams!** I'm no longer a refugee living in despair in the camp. Now I have a beautiful future, and I can share my blessings with others. I'm forever grateful."



Without Impact Hope, I Wouldn't Be A Doctor Today!



On October 25th, Jackson, one of Impact Hope's incredible students, graduated from the University of Rwanda, School of Medicine!

At his graduation party, Jackson gave a heartfelt speech, thanking everyone who made his journey possible. **"Without Impact Hope, I wouldn't be here today,"** he said. **"Your generosity has truly changed my life and will help me help others!"**

Now, Jackson is ready to give back to his community through serving as a doctor.

Thank you for being such a vital part of Jackson's journey. **Your support means so much, and we can't wait to see all the amazing things he will do!**

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You're Changing Lives— Thank You!

Each time I have the privilege to travel to Rwanda and see firsthand the transformation in these young refugees' lives, I am constantly moved by the impact you are making. Students are always eager to share their dreams and show how much your support has allowed them to grow, learn, and find hope beyond the refugee camps.

Your commitment goes beyond quality Christian education; it provides stability, hope, and the chance to thrive. I am honored to witness how God is working through you to make this possible.

Thank you for being a vital part of our community!

Liz Thomsen
Executive Director, Impact Hope



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