



MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF REFUGEES | NOVEMBER 2022

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183 Students Attending the Center for Hope

On July 12, 183 young women and men arrived at the Center for Hope, Impact Hope’s new vocational training center in northern Rwanda. The trades include tailoring, hairdressing, agriculture, and culinary arts, with plans to add electricity, plumbing, and welding soon.

Hope team, he was working at a hotel. He says, “Now I have the opportunity of training my brothers and sisters. I appreciate Impact Hope because they gave me this opportunity...I did not think I would be here today.”

Claude is the Culinary Arts teacher at the Center for Hope, and he is one of three teachers at the training center who were sponsored through high school by Impact Hope. We are excited to have Impact Hope graduates come full circle and work with us!



After graduating high school in 2018, Claude attended a vocational trade school and was certified in culinary arts. Before joining the Center for

Your support of Impact Hope has allowed us to continue growing and serving young refugees in Rwanda. Thank you!



2018 IH graduate, Claude, now the culinary arts teacher at the Center for Hope.

Your Generosity Helped Nadine Reach the Stars



Nadine attended Gahogo Adventist Academy through Impact Hope's sponsorship program. During her time there, she made many friends. One of her favorite memories with her friends is doing their makeup for the school talent shows. She watched Youtube tutorials on how to apply makeup and practiced on her friends before the show. She also enjoyed learning to sew during the summer trade program.

When Nadine graduated high school in 2019, she was ready to pursue turning her two

hobbies, makeup and tailoring, into her career. She began advertising on social media her beauty business called Miobeauty. What started as friends inviting her to do their makeup, quickly led to doing makeup for weddings, photoshoots, musicians, and actors. Nadine lives in Kigali, the capital of Rwanda. She says with a sweet smile, "I am making the stars."

Her weeks are busy, when she is not doing makeup, she is busy sewing tote bags to sell. Nadine says, "The things I learned from tailoring in Impact Hope are what I am using to make these bags. They also taught us the business side of things. I learned how to advertise."

Nadine continues to dream big. When asked where she wanted to be in ten years, she quickly answered, "I want to open a beauty school."

Your support helps students achieve their dreams. Thank you for investing in the lives of young refugees!

2022 Summer Trade Program



Students arrived with smiles on their faces, ready to spend the month with their friends and learning their trade.



Permaculture: If the soil settles at the bottom of the bottle and there is only water on the top, it's not good for planting.



Culinary arts: Students learned how to make bread, pastries, and local dishes!



Tailoring: students learned to sew beautiful clothes using their African textiles.



Batik: the art of wax-resistant dye on fabrics to create beautiful and colourful designs.

Ask a Friend

In the August newsletter, we shared that eleven Impact Hope (IH) university graduates were hired by the Center for Online Evangelism (COE). We want to share more in-depth the mission of the COE and how their new employees in Rwanda are making a difference in the world.

When Ed Wagner, the founder of COE, learned about Impact Hope's mission to help refugees and the need for jobs, he wanted to help. Ed and his organization supported fourteen students through university in digital marketing to eventually hire them to work in digital evangelism marketing.

Ed has a big heart for digital ministry. With so many people going to the computer for answers, he knew the Adventist church needed a presence with relevant, up-to-date information.

His team runs askanadventistfriend.com, which answers questions about the Adventist faith in a friendly, conversational way. There

are also physical cards you can purchase as an evangelism tool that directs people to the website with a QR code that answers their questions.

In June, eleven students in Rwanda were hired as full-time employees and now work for the Ask A Friend project. Kim Wagner, the SEO strategist and team leader, told us how they are such a big help, taking their team of five SEO strategists to 15 people. Kim says, "They are motivated, hardworking, laugh a lot, and always push me to be a better teacher by asking intelligent questions."

To purchase your set of Ask a Friend cards, visit www.aaf.store or scan the QR code that will take you there. Thank you to the COE team for leading people to Jesus through your online ministry!



Scan the QR code to purchase the cards.

Learning a skill and creating memories that will last a lifetime



During free time, the girls love to take pictures and do each other's hair.



The boys love to play basketball. They get competitive!



At the end of the program, each class presented what they learned to all the students.



Liz Thomsen, executive director of Impact Hope, spent the month with the students.



Goodbye at the end of August! Now, the students are at their Christian boarding schools.



Children Making an Impact



The primary class at Trout Creek SDA Church in Montana are helping Impact Hope graduates! When the children learned about the conditions of the refugee camps and

about Impact Hope, they were eager to help. They decided to raise funds for supplying chicken start-up kits. For every \$5, an egg goes under the fabric hen in their classroom. When 15 eggs are in the basket, the eggs are replaced by a golden egg! Each golden is worth \$75, the cost to fund one chicken business for an Impact Hope graduate. One little girl emptied her piggy bank and gave all her money. Another little girl gave her "tooth" money for losing her tooth. Together, the primary class has raised over \$600. We are inspired by these childrens' giving hearts!

Quick News

- Your 2022 Christmas Gift Catalog will be in your mailboxes in November! We have exciting opportunities to give business start-up kits to Impact Hope graduates. Also, our tailoring cooperative has been working hard to sew fun gifts that you can purchase for your family and friends.
- Students started school in September. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin a new school year.

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."
~Romans 15:13*



Three Ways **You** Can Make an Impact

SPONSOR A STUDENT

\$50 a month goes to providing a safe education at a Christian boarding school, medical coverage, and all living essentials.

DONATE

Whether you make a monthly donation or a one time donation, 100% of gifts goes directly to the mission.

SHARE THE STORY

Invite your community to get involved. Give a church presentation, host a dinner party, or send out an email sharing why you support these young refugees!