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Dear Pastor Rich,

I met Peter at the feeding program in Kigali. "I don't have anywhere else to go" he said. "It is not safe on the streets and I do not have a family to help me." "Where do you sleep?" I asked. "No one place because if the police catch us they will beat us. The police don't want us on the streets."

I knew that what he was saying was true. On a previous trip to Rwanda I had been approached by a child that was begging for money. As I was talking with the boy a friend of his yelled out, "They have you! The police are here!" The boy was so scared that he would get caught that he turned around to run away and was hit by a car. It all happened so fast that I did not have a chance to stop him. The next thing I knew the boy was on the ground screaming and crying. His foot and leg were all cut up. Fortunately the car was not going fast and the driver was able to stop quickly. The police officer helped the child into the man's car and instructed the man to take them to the hospital.

As Peter was telling me about the police beating street kids, I knew that it was only because they do not know what else to do with them. It is their job to keep the children from living on the streets, but there are just too many of them and no place for them to go.

As the feeding program was finishing that day, Peter and another boy clung to Devota (the house mother at the Kanombe Children's Home) and said that they would not let go. They begged her to take them home with her. "There is not enough room. The home is full," Devota tried to explain. Through tears the boys were insistent, "We can't go back to the street... please take us home with you." Later that evening Devota sheepishly told me, "We brought some more boys into the home today. I know you said that we did not want to have more than 15 children in the home at once, but I could not say no." I was glad she brought them in.

Every time I visit the feeding program I am asked by children living on the streets, "How much longer do I have to wait? When will you have room for me?"



**Peter and KaLia, April 2007,
three years after he came into
the Kanombe Children's Home**

So now I ask you. Will you partner with us to provide a home for children like Peter? Will you make it possible for me to say, "Now- we have room for you now," to the next child that asks, "When will you have room for me"? I know that you make sacrifices so that you can give, and I thank God for all that you have done. But in light of what is at stake, a child's eternal future, would you please consider making a monthly pledge or a onetime gift towards the Home of Innocence? I am confident that if you do, you will never regret it.

What a privilege it is that God has called you & I to be ambassadors for Christ. Ten Talents International is just one way that God may use you to bring the gospel to those who need to hear. We are so grateful that He allows us to partner with people like you in this ministry to the lost and hurting.

Some ambassadors go on short term mission trips to bring relief to the suffering, or to proclaim freedom to captives, or to provide comfort to the hurting. Some give so that others can go. Still others invest their time, money, and/or resources so that the going will have a greater impact. Gifts like these paid for the water purifiers, the New Life Workbooks, the shoes, the clothing, the food, the Bibles, the shelter, and all of the other things that have been provided to widows and orphans this year through Ten Talents International.

Our next step in reaching the street children in Rwanda is the Home of Innocence. This home will be used to love, counsel, pray and care for orphans who are currently living on the streets. When they are ready, we will match them with a widow and facilitate an adoption. By the time you receive this letter I will be in the country of Rwanda, looking for a suitable site for this new home. The startup cost for this home will be \$100,000. We will also need to raise \$1,000 in monthly pledges to keep the home running. Will you consider investing into the lives of orphans living on the streets of Kigali, Rwanda? You can help by completing and returning the accompanying response card along with your gift.

Together we can and will make an eternal difference in 2008.

God Bless You,

Michael McColm

President, Ten Talents International

P.S. You can also help and be green at the same time by sharing the letters we send you. Tell your friends, family, and coworkers about Ten Talents International. Encourage them to participate. I believe you and they will be glad you did.