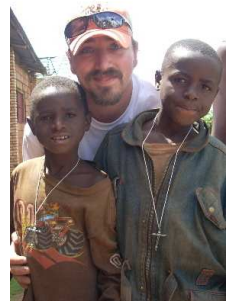




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The Call of Love

There are some things that are hard to explain- like how a child's eyes can draw you in and call to you to love him. One such child is named Theodonne, and he attends the feeding program for street children. During the first two weeks of May we had a team of 9 people (including our family) whose main purpose was to spend time with the children who are part of the homes that TTI has started, as well as the feeding program for street children. We met Theodonne during our first visit to the feeding program, and there was just something about him that made him stand out. There are about 200 street children who visit the feeding program twice a week. By building relationships with these children we will be able to find those who are ready to come into the Home of Innocence, and subsequent homes. There are many children who have so much potential wrapped up inside them- if only given the opportunity to thrive instead of just trying to survive. Please pray with us for these children, who like Theodonne, are waiting for their chance. Pray that we will soon be able to open the Home of Innocence and give these children a reason to hope again.

At Home

Our home was full this night. Our daughter KaLia was sharing a bed with Christine, age 15; in another room our son Nate and Sprian, age 17, each had a bed; and in the living room Peter, age 16, was sleeping on the couch. As we prayed and said our goodnights, Peter came and said to us, "Goodnight Mommy. Goodnight Daddy", and it melted this mommy heart. You see, Christine, Sprian, and Peter are all from the Faith Home, one of the homes started by TTI for former street children. These kids all consider us "mom" and "dad". Because our family stayed in Rwanda for an extended time after the team left, we had time to invite some of the older children to come visit us. They experienced family life with us, and hopefully felt how special they are to us. *The Home of Innocence is going to focus on getting children from the streets and into a home where they can be loved.* Our family spent a total of 3 months in Rwanda. Mike was able to work on plans for the Acres of Hope, getting bids for projects, the paperwork for registering as a charity within Rwanda, and more. On August 2nd we returned to the US, but part of our hearts are in Rwanda still!

A Night of Hope

This is the theme for Ten Talents International's fundraising banquet on Saturday, September 27th, 6pm at the Hilton in Vancouver, Washington. This will be a wonderful night of testimonies, vision, and sharing. We will be able to share with you the architect's renditions of what the Acres of Hope will look like once the different phases are completed. We will hear from Simon Peter Ngoga, and we also have some special video presentations to share with you. If you would like to be a part of this night please email us as soon as possible, so we can reserve a seat for you. There is no cost for this event, so *invite a friend* to come with you that does not yet know about the work of Ten Talents International. Reserve your seats by emailing: Host@TenTalentsInt.org

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A Story to Tell

On April 6th, 1994 a plane was shot down that contained the president of Rwanda. Within that same hour killing began that would eventually claim the lives of nearly 1 million Rwandans. It was on that night that men came to the house of Simon Peter Ngoga. He was just a boy then, age 14. He became one of the many who lost their families to the genocide. Having no one, he went to live on the streets. His story could have ended there, but it does not. God had another plan, and it is wonderful! We want you to be able to hear the whole story, and the heart that Simon has for the street children of Rwanda. We are blessed to have Simon as TTI's Rwanda National Director, and we are excited because Simon has received a visa to come visit the US for one month. You can hear him at our banquet on September 27th. Please also pray with us for God to provide those who would become regular supporters of Simon and his family.

Simon's Family: wife Christine, son Sammy, daughters Kessy & Erica



A Hope for the Future

At the feeding program that day I noticed that Nyabugogo had a large bandage on his arm, so I asked him what happened. He said that two nights prior he was attacked by another street child wielding a piece of glass. A clinic had dressed the wound and bandaged it, but now he could not move his fingers. I took him to another clinic to get the bandage changed, but when the bandage was removed, it was clear that he needed far more than a new bandage. The doctor referred him to the main hospital in Kigali. We are still paying for his medical visits. Please pray that the infection that has set in will clear up and that his arm will heal. Dangers like this are part of life for kids on the street. They deal with attacks, hunger, disease, and even fear being rounded up by the police and sent off to detention centers. These kids are in danger every day, and there are some that will not make it to see another day- that is the sad fact. But there is hope! The Acres of Hope will have several transitional homes for street children being adopted, a training center for older street children to learn a trade, a place for worship, and more! Please pray with us for the \$180,00 needed for the first phase of construction. This will include the first home - the Home of Innocence.

You Can!

It is an amazing thing that God chooses to use you and I to accomplish what He wants to do on this earth. He does not *need* us, but because of His goodness he gives us the opportunity to be used by Him in the great things that He is doing! Now is the time for Rwanda! Do you want to be a part of it? **You can!**

You can pray!

Use this newsletter as a reminder of the needs. Visit our website for more information.

You can go!

Come to the informational meeting August 31st.

You can give!

Prefer to give by check? Use the address below. Prefer to give by credit card or direct deposit? Go to our website and there are options both for one time gifts and monthly pledges.

You can tell others!

Tell other people about Ten Talents International and see how God may use them too!

Dates to Remember

August 31st- Nov. mission trip informational meeting - 4pm, Heritage Church
www.HeritageNorthwest.org

September 7th- applications & \$200 deposit due for Nov. trip

September 27th- TTI's annual banquet, Vancouver Hilton

Please visit our website **www.TenTalentsInt.org** to see our blog with the latest news, including dates & churches that we will be sharing at.

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