

LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME



Celebration of God's Providence

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On September 28th, a significant milestone was reached in our mission to care for vulnerable children in Burundi. It was a day filled with gratitude, joy, and faith, as we celebrated the completion of the construction of our very first home, which will now be a safe haven for 50 children. This milestone, occurring on the same day as my birthday, was truly a wonderful gift, as nearly two years of dedication, prayer, and perseverance have come to fruition.

We give all the glory and honor to God, whose divine providence has guided this project from its inception to this blessed moment. His hand has been evident in the support and generosity of so many individuals and communities around the world. It is by His grace that this home has been built, and it stands as a testament to His love for the most vulnerable among us.

The opening ceremony was a beautiful day, filled with joy, hope, and celebration. All the children currently under our care were present, along with local community members, our dedicated staff and board members in Burundi, and local priests who blessed this new home. The day was marked by traditional dancing and music, a reflection of the vibrant culture of Burundi and the shared joy of all who gathered to witness this special occasion.

Though I was unable to attend in person, my heart was there in spirit. I look forward to visiting in January, when I will continue our saving work and see firsthand the impact of this project on the lives of the children we serve.

This home is only the beginning. With your continued support and the grace of God, we will press forward in our mission to provide love, care, and hope to even more children in need. From the bottom of my heart, thank you to each and every one of you who have prayed, donated, and believed in this mission. Together, with God's guidance, we will continue to make a difference.

May God bless you all abundantly!

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How You Can Help Care for Our Children

As we rejoice in the completion of our first home for 50 children, we now turn to the next essential step in ensuring their well-being—providing for their daily needs. This mission requires ongoing support, and we are inviting generous sponsors to partner with us in caring for these children.

Each child will require an individual sponsor to help cover their basic living expenses. The cost to feed one child for a month is \$40, a modest amount that ensures they receive the nourishment they need to grow and thrive. Many of the children we will be taking in are still young and not yet of school age, but for those who are attending school, the annual cost for school fees, supplies, and other related expenses is \$35. This is a one-time expense each year that will make a world of difference in their education and future.

When a child is first sponsored, there are some immediate needs that must be met. These include essential items such as a bed, drawers, a mattress, blankets, clothing, and hygiene supplies. The total initial cost to provide these necessities for each child is \$75. With your support, we can ensure that every child enters their new home with everything they need to feel secure and cared for.

In addition to sponsoring individual children, we also rely on general support to keep the home running. The annual cost to operate the home is \$35,000, which covers the salaries of our dedicated staff, the children's overall welfare, medical expenses, and all other necessary resources. 100 percent of every contribution, large or small, goes directly toward creating a safe and nurturing environment where these children can thrive.

We invite you to prayerfully consider sponsoring a child or contributing to the general upkeep of the home. Your generosity will not only meet the physical needs of these children but will also be a testament to God's love and provision in their lives.

Together, we can continue this life-saving work and give these children hope for a brighter future. Thank you for your compassion, prayers, and support!

**“If you can't
feed a hundred
people, then
feed just one”**

MOTHER TERESA







Reaching the Most Vulnerable Children

As we prepare to open the doors of our new home, our focus has been on identifying the children who need us most. In partnership with local priests, who know their communities intimately, we have compiled a list of children under the age of 10 who are in dire need—those suffering from severe malnutrition, those who have tragically lost both parents, and those living in the most destitute conditions.

The process of deciding which children to take in has been heartbreaking. Every child's story is filled with hardship, and the need is overwhelming. However, due to limited resources and the unique challenges older children face—such as severe trauma that requires specialized care—we've had to make the difficult decision to focus on younger children for now. These young ones, vulnerable and in desperate need, require immediate physical and emotional support, and with God's grace, we are committed to nurturing them.

The children we will be bringing into our home are all under the age of 10, and they come to us with not only physical needs but deep emotional and spiritual needs as well. To support their journey toward healing, our approach begins with meeting their basic necessities—feeding and clothing them, providing shelter and safety—but it goes beyond that. We believe in feeding not only their bodies but also their little souls.

The physical care includes regular meals, medical attention, and ensuring they have a comfortable place to sleep. However, these children also need love, engagement, and spiritual guidance to grow into healthy, resilient adults. That's why, when I move to Burundi in January, I will be fully immersed in their care. My vision is to provide not only for their physical needs but to be there with them—engaging with them, offering spiritual education, and fostering a nurturing environment where they can feel safe and loved. We want these children to know that they are valued, cherished, and loved by God. Daily prayer, Bible teachings, and regular Mass will be part of their spiritual education. In addition to formal spiritual instruction, I believe that simply being present—listening to their stories, playing games, teaching life skills, and celebrating their successes—is a crucial part of their emotional and spiritual growth. The love and attention we give will help them build the self-esteem and sense of security they need to thrive.

The journey these children are embarking on is one of transformation, and I plan to walk that journey alongside them. They need more than just a place to live—they need a home filled with love, faith, and guidance. As I prepare to join them in January, I am filled with hope and determination to help these children grow not only in body but also in spirit.

**“For it is in giving
that we receive.”**

FRANCIS OF ASSISI





How You Can Get Involved and Make a Difference

Our mission to care for vulnerable children in Burundi is possible because of generous people like you. There are many ways you can help:

1. Help with Fundraisers

We need your support to prepare fundraisers. If you have skills in event planning or promotion, or simply a heart to help, please reach out! Every effort brings us closer to providing for the children.

2. Sponsor a Child

For \$40 a month, you can provide a child with food, and for a one-time \$75 gift, you can supply essentials like a bed and clothing. Sponsorship is a direct way to change a child's life.

3. Volunteer in Burundi

If you feel called to serve on the ground, we welcome volunteers to join us in Burundi. Whether helping with daily operations or spending time with the children, we need all hands on deck. Contact me if you're interested!

4. Pray for Us

Your prayers are essential. Please continue to pray for the children, our staff, and the mission's success. We rely on God's guidance and your prayers to sustain this work.

5. Join Our Board

If you're passionate about shaping the future of our mission, consider joining our board. Help us plan, grow, and ensure long-term success.

No matter how you choose to get involved, your support makes a lasting difference. Thank you for being part of this life-changing mission!

God reward you for your service!
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