

A CUP OF COLD WATER



Embracing Divine Blessings

BY REGINA NSANZIMANA

Praise be to Jesus Christ!

My dear friends, I am thrilled to share the incredible journey of the past few months with you. It has been far too long since my last update, but rest assured, the wait has been worth it. From April to June, I had the privilege of spending two profound months in Burundi. Words fail to capture the immense spiritual rewards and blessings that God has bestowed upon our organization.

Gratitude fills my heart as I reflect on the unwavering support we have received from each and every one of you. Your generosity continues to amaze me, and I stand in awe of the compassion that flows through your hearts. Together, we have achieved remarkable progress, but there is still much work to be done.

As we embark on this journey, I have unwavering confidence in the power of God's blessings. With His divine guidance, we will accomplish great things this year and bring hope and transformation to countless lives.

May God's grace and love continue to shine upon us as we move forward together.



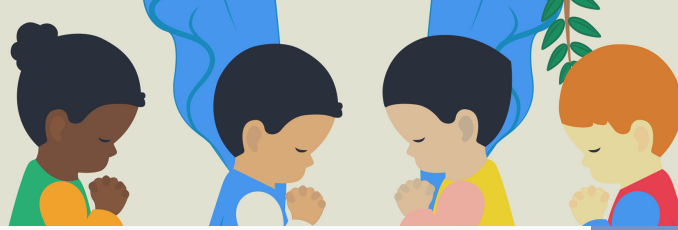
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From Vision to Reality: Our Building Progress in Burundi

I wanted to share an update from my time in Burundi, where the process of building has been a remarkable and humbling experience. The path to construction is filled with unexpected delays, numerous conversations, and longer timelines than anticipated. Yet, amidst it all, our mission to begin constructing the gate around our home has ignited a renewed sense of purpose.

Upon my arrival in Burundi, I wasted no time in collaborating with contractors, architects, and laborers, swiftly commencing our important work. It fills my heart with immense joy to share that the first phase of our project, spanning just over five weeks, was completed smoothly and with exceptional communication.

Witnessing the incredible unity of the Kabezi community, coming together to serve the orphaned children in their midst, has been truly heartwarming. Their tearful gratitude and profound appreciation for the opportunities we provide have left me humbled beyond words.

Our commitment to supporting the local community, recognizing their challenging circumstances, led us to ensure that over 90 percent of the job opportunities were given to community members. This empowering approach not only helps them sustain themselves but also includes them in the extraordinary work of serving God's children. Inclusivity and self-empowerment remain fundamental to our mission.

Looking ahead, I am filled with deep gratitude for your unwavering support during the first phase of our building project. The urgent needs we have encountered fuel our enthusiasm as we eagerly approach phase two, where we will begin constructing the actual home. The possibilities ahead inspire us with boundless excitement.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment. Together, we will continue to build brighter futures, empowering communities, and combating the pervasive grip of poverty. The journey has just begun, and I am truly excited for what the future holds.

“Love for the poor has been the sign, the light that draws people to give glory to the Father”

POPE FRANCIS



Collage of Construction Progress



The start of construction

VS.



The finished gate





The Power of a Cup: Changing Lives with Compassion

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A verse from Matthew 10 has stirred my heart in recent days, reminding me of the immense impact of simple acts of kindness. Our Lord asks only for a cup of cold water to be given to these little ones, a seemingly small request that carries a promise of abundant rewards.

Why do we choose to be charitable and serve the poor? For me, the answer lies in our love for God and the recognition that these little children are as precious as any of us. They deserve lives brimming with dignity and filled with boundless opportunities. I have witnessed the incredible influence even a cup of "cold" water can have. It can sustain a person, offering hope until the next day. That single cup leaves lasting impressions on young hearts, forever etching in their memory the moment their world was changed. One cup, no matter how seemingly insignificant, can make all the difference—between life and death, hope and despair, love and hate. During my time in Burundi, I realized how significant the smallest gestures can be. What may seem small to us here in the States holds immense value for those we serve. Many of the children under our care have never tasted milk, and their awe and wonder when they experienced it for the first time touched me deeply. The same goes for their first taste of chocolate—an unforgettable moment of joy. Being in the presence of these children has profoundly transformed my understanding of Sacrificial giving. It is not about the size or quantity of what we give. Even a cup of cold water has the power to save lives. Let us embrace compassion with open hearts, knowing that even the simplest acts can create lasting impact. Together, we can make a difference—one cup, one act of love at a time.

"And whoever gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he shall not lose his reward."

MATTHEW 10:42





Upcoming Projects

Amidst the abundance of blessings we have received this year, our hearts overflow with gratitude, and we humbly seek even more graces from the divine. Our unwavering commitment remains steadfast as we endeavor to continue construction and bring our home for the children to fruition. The urgency to alleviate the suffering of these precious little ones drives us forward.

We are excited to share that a fundraiser is on the horizon, scheduled for November. We invite you to anticipate further details and kindly ask that you prayerfully consider contributing, even in the form of a humble "cup of cold water," to the well-being of our children. Your compassionate support will undoubtedly bring immeasurable comfort and hope to their lives.

May the Lord shower you with abundant rewards for your unwavering dedication and generous spirit. We are immensely grateful for all that you do.

God reward you for your service!
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