

OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN



News Letter of the Orphans of Our Lady of Sorrows Foundation

Seasons Blessings

BY REGINA NSANZIMANA

Praise be Jesus Christ,

We have just completed the Christmas Season celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord. Many of us were able to celebrate with our families and closest friends. Often, this wonderful season is usually referred to as the season of giving. We are constantly reminded that Christmas is the time to give to those less fortunate than us. I can only imagine how much our Lady and Saint Joseph trusted in God's ability to provide for them, even in their impoverished state. How Joseph must have felt as he desperately looked for a suitable place for his beloved Mary to give birth, or even how relieved they must have felt when the three kings presented them with such valuable gifts! This year many of the children celebrated their first Christmas in a real home! It truly was a beautiful and exciting moment. They went to mass, and afterwards, they came home and had a Christmas party where we had prepared all of their favorite foods. They even got to open the bikes we got them for Christmas! It's always so fun seeing how in awe they are for things we consider normal.



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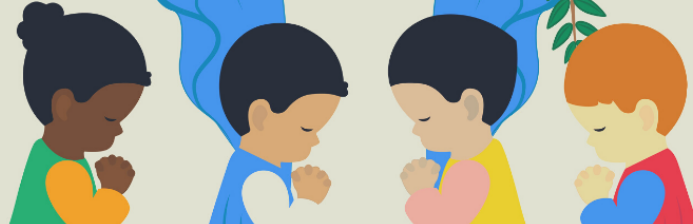
God loves orphans. I came to this conclusion as I sat contemplating how unworthy I am of this great mission He has entrusted to me. Regardless of my own imperfections and unworthiness, God will use the gifts and talents he has given me to provide for the orphans. Therefore, it is simply because of God's own goodness and love that I find myself serving these children. Our foundation has been so incredibly blessed by the generosity of so many souls. I am in awe of the positive response we have received from so many people. I couldn't be more grateful for how much the children are cared for and loved, even by strangers. If only they knew how much they were loved. This past November we had our first fundraiser at the Basilica of Saint John. We were incredibly grateful to God for everyone and for the generous response we received. We raised 30,000! As a result of your generosity, we have plans to begin construction of the orphanage this year. We will begin with the construction of the fence in April. In Burundi they traditionally begin construction of all projects with a fence to protect the property. The fenced area also serves as the sight where bricks are made and stored. All bricks are hand made since they do not have access to the same kinds of technology that we have over here in the states. With your support and love, we have been truly blessed to have grown so much in our first year, and look forward to a new year caring for the children!



"If you can't
feed a hundred
people then
feed just one"

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The Childrens First Semester

BY REGINA NSANZIMANA

This past September many of our children began their first semester of school. We noticed that many of them were struggling to catch up with the other children in their cohorts so we hired tutors to help them get caught up. They have now finished their semester and we were able to see their progress. Nearly all our children passed with flying colors! We will continue to work more closely with the ones who struggled to get them caught up. It will be a process, but we know that our efforts will be beneficial for the children in the long run.

"Be generous
to the poor
orphans and
those in
need"

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Upcoming Projects

Beginning in January we will start taking donations of school supplies, clothing, personal hygiene, craft things, and toys. I will be taking them to Burundi with me on my next trip in April. Many of you asked how you could sponsor a child each month. There is now an option on our website to sponsor a child every month through Donor Box. On our website (orphansofourladyofsorrows.org) under the tab "the children" select any child you wish to sponsor, and hit the sponsor button. There's an option to provide food for the month and there is an option to sponsor a child's education needs. We are so excited about this new development. Hopefully, this will allow us to support additional children! Thank you for your love and support of these children. We pray that each of you is blessed with peace, joy, love, and happiness in 2023!

God reward you for your service!
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