Kids 'Updates in Homes of Hope

"Train up a child the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverb 22:6.

Despite the pandemic and despite the fact that the lockdown measure has not been taken into account by our country; Burundi Youth for Christ is at work dealing with the Vision of “Raising up a godly generation of leaders to transform the society.” During this Easter Break, Youth for Christ Burundi did not allow the Homes of Hope kids to leave the compound and join big gatherings like churches or others, especially those from Gitega Homes of Hope who have to make long distance to arrive at church. Regis who is the Papa at Homes of Hope Gitega and a pastor prepare the sermon and some of elder boys and girls help him to organize the service for the little ones. It’s so amazing! You can always use creativity to adapt to the situation. We thank Freddy, the Legal Representative and Founder of YFC Burundi who continues to encourage the children and staff of YFC Burundi during this period of crisis. Children are also trained in the use of masks, especially in the event of grouping and regular hand washing in order to comply with hygiene measures. We believe that investing in the youth is the best way to impact the society. We pray for protection and safety of kids.

Talking about kids of Homes of Hope Cibitoke, they attend a church which is very close to their compound. We thank the Lord that so far there are no cases of COVID 19 to report in YFC Burundi.

Current situation about the COVID-19 pandemic in Burundi
The COVID 19 pandemic ravaging the whole world has not spared Burundi. Currently, the country has already identified 15 cases of COVID 19 including one death. Note that so far the country has not opted for lockdown measure. People continue to go about their daily activities while trying to comply with hygiene measures. This lockdown measure is very difficult in Burundi given the poverty line experienced by the Burundian population. As for the political situation, we are in the campaign period for the presidential, legislative, and municipal elections of May 20, 2020 which started on April 27, 2020. Note that the Burundians have a bad memory of the elections which are often followed by killings or wars. Please pray with us for peace, security and protection.

Five Years Strategic Planning
We thank the Lord for the funding provided by Great Lakes Outreach to carry out the five-year strategic planning work. Despite the fact that we haven't finished yet to have the final document, at least the heads of the different departments have the image of YFC Burundi in five years. We hope they are guiding their subordinates so that they can fulfill the YFC Vision well. Thank you so much for the support. We have identified where to insist and strengthen out to move forward better and hopefully, the Almighty will continue to guide us.
Prayer Requests

Please stand with us as we place the following needs before our all-powerful God

PLEASE PRAY...

For our kids in Gitega Bienvenu, Billy and Cedric who are suffering from malaria.

For enough funds to equip our high schools Science Labs.

For a GIA 4th graduation on June 20th, 2020.

For peace and security of our Nation and wisdom of country leaders as we are organizing presidential elections during this period of world Pandemic.

For this COVID 19 Pandemic to be eliminated in the whole world.

For nearly 10,000 households of Gatumba and kajaga area who were affected by the floods caused by the overflowing of the waters of the Rusizi River that occurred the night of April 30 to May 01, 2020.

School Project

The Easter Break for both the Future Hope Schools and Gitega International Academy went well. They are now back to school. We are grateful to the Lord! The results of the second term were good and they are now in the third term.

In addition, we also have building work underway, especially at our new site, on the lake Dogodogo in Cibitoke where we are busy building a trade center. We are building to be able to train young people who are forced to drop out of schools after the grade nine. Some of the girls find themselves forced to do preconceived marriage. We then want to receive these young people in order to teach them the different trades. We thank Villages of Life Australia very much for their support. Certainly together we can save the lives of these young girls and boys.

Yeah! We need to expand our schools. Each year we have had to add more classrooms to accommodate more pupils. This is due to both the government extending the number of school grades taught within primary school, and a constant high demand for school places from parents. Now we have a second site so we can continue to expand. We plan to add more classrooms ready for September, and we are busy building to have classes to teach more students. Our schools aren't just schools these are places to transform lives for Jesus. We are working on their “3Hs” heads, hearts and hands to change Burundi forever. There is a hope. Yes we need more schools as our vision is to raise up a generation of godly leaders for Burundi and Africa. Please continue to pray with us for success. We are very grateful for your continual prayer and we also continue to pray for you.

Farming Project

It's a joy to share with you that farming project is becoming generative in the life of our ministry. We are grateful to the Lord as we grow different plants to feed the kids. The farming project is making an impact in the lives of our kids in all our Homes of Hopes (Gitega and Cibitoke). The fish farm and chicken projects are going well too. We are thankful to your support. The children are now having milk, meat and vegetables more often than before. We have a satisfactory harvest of fishes in Cibitoke this season. In addition, we have got chickens and they look beautiful, healthy and big. Some have been sold. The chicken coops stand above the fishing ponds in which we raise fishes. We thank God as the soil is being fertilized to improve productivity. Your support is bringing a change. May the Lord bless you abundantly!