



This is pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father, to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. James 1: 27, NASB



# A Hopeless Plight

## Project Spotlight

**Kanombe, Rwanda**  
 HIV-AIDS Youth Outreach Club  
 Thirty members  
 Sharing the Gospel  
 Teaching HIV-AIDS Awareness  
 Preaching Abstinence  
 3 Secondary Scholarships - \$600  
 Elaine, Nadine, Emable  
 Funds for outreach - \$100

## A New Equation

The red dust suspended in the sweltering heat stung their eyes in the dimly lit dirt-floor church. The small holes in the wall for windows allowed little breeze as the Americans crowded together with Rwandan youth, eyes fixed on the slender boy addressing the group. Emotions swelled as the 15 year old speaker, choking back tears, told *...parents were both dead.*

his story. Emable's parents were both dead. He and his 5 other orphaned siblings, the youngest being 18 months old, were left to survive in the bush of Rwanda. Being the oldest, Emable was now the head of their family.

**Continued on back, Emable**

James chapter **One** verse **27**: "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this; that you meet the orphan and widow in their distress, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." Of the 5.5 million orphans in Africa; approximately 700,000 live in Rwanda alone. The most densely populated country in Africa, Rwanda is smaller than the state of Maryland, carrying 1/8th of Africa's enormous orphan population. Six of ten Rwandan women are widows awaking every morning to the reality that they are the sole providers and protectors of their families. Providing essential needs of food, clothing, and education is complicated by her lack of educa-



tion and resources. Faced with the choice to sell her body and drugs or to let her children starve, she finds no hope. One27 is working as an ambassador of Christ, bringing the hope of The Gospel to these who are both physically and spiritually lost: one piece of bread, one article of clothing, one school scholarship, one Bible at a time.

### Board of Directors

**Curtis Klinge**  
**Doug Sinitiere**  
**Wayne Stone**

### Did you know?

- ♦ Rwanda and Burundi are 10 times more densely populated than the USA
- ♦ An estimated 60% of the population in Burundi live in poverty and 51% in Rwanda
- ♦ Almost half the population in Burundi & Rwanda are less than 15 years old.

## Prayer List

- Growth for the new churches in Burundi and Rwanda
- Provision for the orphans and widows in East Central Africa
- Encouragement to the pastors who are enduring hardships
- Fulfillment of the outreach mission in December, 2006
- Wisdom for the One27 Board of Directors
- Provision for funds for One27 Ministries, inc.

## Burundi Outback

Weary from a long day of travel through the outer regions of Burundi, the young passenger of the compact mini-van thought he had seen it all. As the small group of Burundian pastors and American missionaries set out for one more remote village, one more newly planted church, the "road" narrowed. "Surely, we'll walk from here," the teenaged missionary thought. Reality proved different as the crowded van, one wheel in the goat trail and the other in the tall savannah grass jostled on into the bush, forging ahead.



Burundi...a country of contrast. Bujumbura, the capital and only large city, is overflowing. With the original wealthy citizens and the poor refugees from 12 years of

tribal wars, the work conditions worsen. Due to overcrowding, more go hungry. Anger and distrust pervade. What was once a Tutsi city of relative ease and prosperity has become a crowded isolated citadel of confusion and frustration.

But the bush country, especially the fringe remote areas and villages, is a

**Continued on back, Burundi**

## Meet Beatrice and "Rwandese and Children for Jesus"

With limited resources but untailing love and passion, certain individuals of Rwanda and Burundi reach out. One such woman, out of her own pain, is making a difference. Meet Beatrice, a woman used of God in Rwanda. One27 is privileged to assist her in any way we can as she does the work of the Lord. Won't you help us?

The following are Beatrice's words edited slightly for ease of reading.

I am a widow myself, my husband was killed in the Genocide of 1994. I have two daughters and I adopted 3 other orphans. The Lord called me to share His love with other widows like me. It called us to be meeting regularly so as to discuss together the situation in which the war and the life of losing our husband plunged us into, because it is through prayer, sharing the Word



**Beatrice**

and our group is called "Rwandese and Children for Jesus". This ministry is meant to care for widows and orphans spiritually, morally, socially, economically and psychologically in the aspects of being a widow and orphan; and to assist them financially by initiating some generating income projects

of God, and dialogue that we can help and strengthen one another efficiently.

I am in charge of widows and children ministry since 1996,

We have 10 groups of widows organized with their own structure. The total of our members is now around 850. Each one of them has a meeting once a week for Bible studies and prayer groups... They have small projects such as agriculture, sewing, arts, farming, breeding small livestock, business of sale... We also support their children in school fees even though it is not enough as we do not have funds for that. Most of the kids leave school because of lack of school fees, school materials or food; this is very sad to us.

The big problem that our groups are facing is homelessness, school fees for the children and HIV. At the moment, we have a big number of our members who are HIV positive (around 200 of them). They also have a problem of the market where they can sell their products especially those involved in arts

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### Operation Paidion III

Dec. 27—Jan. 14  
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 Kahler Stone  
 Wayne Stone  
 Kristen Yoder

## Emable, continued

He told of the difficulty of survival and how he came weekly to this youth club in this Kanombe village church for discipleship and encouragement. Because none of his siblings had an education, their daily struggle and outlook for survival was bleak. No education = no living = no food. Emable's body shook with sobs at the hopelessness of his little family's situation.

THAT was January 2006 as an Op Paidion team toured Rwanda sharing The Gospel and encouraging believers. TODAY, through funding from One27, Emable is attending school while the 2nd oldest sibling looks after the other children. TODAY, they have hope in Jesus and hope for life in Rwanda.

Emable and his siblings are one of thousands of child-led families whose parents died in tribal wars or from AIDS. They represent the need of the overwhelming orphan population of East/Central Africa. Orphanages are few and help is sparse. But God...

Would you like to help? Contact us at [musasa@one27ministries.org](mailto:musasa@one27ministries.org).

## Interested in supporting One27?

1. **We need prayer!** check our prayer list on the website or contact us.
2. **We need financial support**

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## Burundi, continued

different story. Anger does not pervade even though villagers are vulnerable to hostile activities of rebel factions. Uneasiness stems from a distrust of the new government and whether or not it will abandon them to survive on their own with no help or protection. Though fearful, they are appreciative, eager to learn, and receptive to The Gospel. To combat the violence, President Pierre NKURUNZIZA of Burundi, a Christian, has designated lands in the remote areas of the country for churches and schools. The small band of Burundians traveling with the American missionaries to the outer regions of Burundi are the catalysts for the President's decision. John, a missionary, and three pastors, Marth, Everiste, and Fidele, form REAL - Rehabilitation, Evangelism and Literacy.

Busily planting churches and schools through the Free Methodist Church of Burundi, they disciple and train the church staff, stressing children's ministry for reaching the untold number of orphans. But funds are meager. They train and visit as funds allow. Transportation is difficult as none of these men own a car. Wayne Stone, Executive Director of One27, provided transportation to see the newly planted churches, schools, and projects, giving REAL members a chance to make needed contacts in these remote areas. REAL provided Bibles for some of the lay leaders that are being trained by the REAL staff.

Some churches meet outside. Others, like the one pictured, meet outside while they build their church building. Joy is prevalent

and consistent among these new church members. As they are fed and strengthened, they reach out. As their children become educated, they know they have a defensive chance against the roaming rebels. Jesus = hope in life = fewer rebel candidates. Above all, sharing the Gospel gives the hope that reaches beyond cultural limitations.

This church/school planting movement is in the early stages. Please pray for growth, and join us in supplying REAL with funds, supplies, teaching, training, discipleship, and Bibles for the furtherance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.