The Day I Saw Children in Rwanda Grown-up with My Own Eyes

Smile on the Face of a Cover Girl Again

“I want to be a journalist.”
One and a half year ago at Mayange Elementary School, supported by TFT program, Francina Nyonsaba had a school meal with Masa. A photo of her smile was used for the cover of Masa’s book and many other media articles, sending a message to all of you: “Thank you for all your support through the TFT program.”
Masa found the “cover girl” Francina, now grown-up at twelve years old, to be the brightest in her class at school. Her face lit up as she confidently told us her dream: “I want to be a journalist in the future.”

Now They Know Joy of learning

“I can go to school instead of working because they serve school meals.”
“I feel like studying harder when I’m stuffed.”
These voices can be heard throughout all schools we support. School meals not only reduce malnutrition, but also increase the number of children who attend school. These programs also motivate children to study, as described in these articles. One new finding is that school meals significantly improve the percentage of children who attend junior high school. Since these children are able to enjoy studying at their elementary schools, they are motivated to continue through junior high school, saying “I want to study more!”
New buildings have been built to accommodate the increasing number of children enrolling in school.

Learning & Dreaming for the future is Fun!

Claudine (13) “I’ll be a teacher. I want to teach children”

Olibe (10) “I’m happiest when I’m studying English.”

Local Farms for School Meals

There is currently a project under development for local farms to grow corn that schools purchase for school meals. This project will contribute to the creation of a stable food supply, as well as local economic growth. Education is also an important part of this program, and farmers are also able to take classes on improving efficiency in cultivation.

Donation total (as of February 28, 2010)
3,342,853 meals
which means approximately 15,200 children can have school meals for one year.

【Republic of Rwanda】
- Capital: Kigali
- Demographics: Hutus 84%, Tutsis 15%, and others
- Languages: Kinyarwanda, French, English

Rwanda joined East African Community (EAC), which comprises Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, and Burundi. EAC launched its own common market within the region, aiming at further economic development.

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