



NEWSLETTER

TRANSFORMING THE BONEZA, RWANDA COMMUNITY

Our Mission

To positively transform the community of Boneza out of extreme poverty by focusing on education, clean water, healthcare, Pastoral care, and economic development.

Our Vision

A thriving Boneza, Rwanda, with Christ centered, educational leaders and residents creating hope, health, and sustainability for all people.

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Building Health Care in Boneza KIVU HILLS MEDICAL CENTER

As the year begins, ARM is excited to report the following progress on the construction at Kivu Hills Medical Center.

Electrical and plumbing installations are underway and wall plastering has begun. External and internal windows and doors are being constructed and put in place. Floors and ceilings are next in line for completion. The progress is incredible, and we are thankful for the funding support that has made this project possible. The beautiful picture of the growing structure says it all as each day the community sees the progress and feels the love and care coming to Boneza.

Project Cure from Denver, USA, will soon arrive to complete the “needs assessment” for medical equipment that will then be shipped to Boneza. The local ARM Board is establishing an advisory board for KHMC. This board will include medical professionals who will also help run the medical center. The financial plan for the first year of operations is being established, and the operation is expected to begin as a day clinic later this year. More services will be added as the staff and medical plans expand.

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A Note of Thanks From John Gasangwa:

We would like to thank all our donors, partners and friends who are supporting this dream to come true! We believe very soon we will be able to provide the affordable and quality medical care needed for the people of Boneza. Please consider supporting the completion of the Medical Center if you have not done this yet. Thank you for your support and partnership.



Health Care Just Can't Wait!
Medical Mission Outreach at Kivu Hills Medical Center

Two weeks ago, Tara Sborov and a team of three nurses from Denver, CO, arrived in Boneza to carry out our first Medical Missions Outreach this year. This is Tara's third trip to bring hope to the people of Boneza. This time, the team carried out the Medical Missions Outreach at Kivu Hills Medical Center where they saw 500 people in 2 days! The response of the people was overwhelming! Boneza is so desperate for the healthcare that they couldn't wait for the medical center to be completed. KHMC is already providing the very much needed medical care to the people of Boneza and the region.



Following her visit, Tara reported the urgent needs and the trends since her last visit. She wrote that while the needs are great and disparate, there are a few common and severe enough to note:

- Hypertension – including high blood pressure that could be easily treated but if left untreated could lead to cardiovascular events like stroke.
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases – Symptoms were treated, but she emphasized that both partners should receive treatment and education in prevention.
- Dentistry – Education for dental care is needed for children and adults to prevent the prevalence of rotten and infected teeth.
- General Health Education – All residents of the community would benefit from general clinical care and health education
- Other common problems - Gastrointestinal issues, GERD, Osteoarthritis, surgical repairs, X-rays, critical care monitoring





Women Entrepreneurs Make a Difference in Boneza

Gertrude Nyiraneza, a 58-year-old mother of nine, has faced her share of hardships in life. Born in Rwanda, she lived through the horrific events of the 1994 genocide, which claimed the lives of her parents, siblings, and husband. Despite these devastating losses, Gertrude has persevered and become a force for good in her community.

In 2020, Gertrude became the president of Ubuntu Trust Group, a women's cooperative that produces handmade fabric bags. The cooperative provides employment and a source of income for its members, many of whom are widows and survivors of the genocide. Under Gertrude's leadership, the group has thrived and become a model for other women's cooperatives in the region.

Through her leadership and hard work with the Ubuntu Trust Group, Gertrude has been able to provide for her family in ways that once seemed impossible. Thanks to the income generated by the cooperative, she has been able to afford health insurance for her family and pay her children's school fees. This has helped to ensure that her children have access to the education they need to build a better future for themselves.

But the Ubuntu Trust Group has given Gertrude more than just a source of income. It has given her a family. The women in the cooperative support each other through difficult times and celebrate each other's successes. Gertrude has found a sense of belonging and purpose in the group, which has helped her to heal from the trauma of the past and move forward with hope for the future.

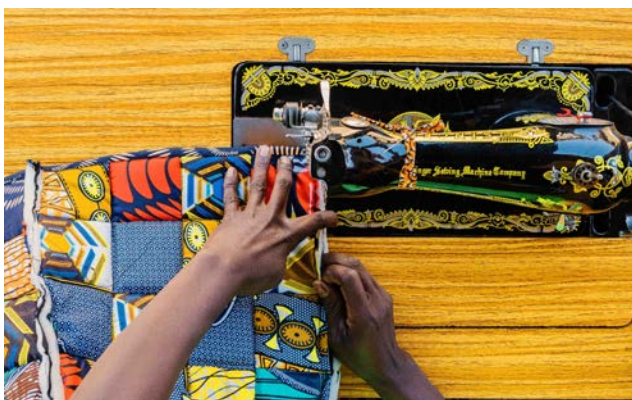


Photo of Ubuntu group sewing machine

Despite the challenges that lie ahead, Gertrude is optimistic about what the future holds. She knows that there is still much work to be done, but she is confident that, together with her family in the Ubuntu Trust Group, they can overcome any obstacle. Through her resilience and dedication to her community, Gertrude is an inspiration to all who know her.

Support women in the Ubuntu Group at ariserwanda.org/ubuntu

Preschools Nurture Our Young Learners

Each day, 253 eager little girls and boys bounce into our preschools, ready to have fun and learn new things. Their day resembles a typical preschool routine highlighted by the daily bowl of porridge, the nutritional boost that for eleven years now has been a blessing for these children.



Each of the six locations has a teacher and assistant and a support team that prepares the porridge. The sorghum, wheat, millet, soybeans, and maize are mixed with the cow's milk and cooked to form the nutritious porridge. It is indeed the treat of the day for the children.

Anitha Makes a Difference



Anitha, a preschool teacher in the Bushaka village, recently brought her school together to generously help the family of one of the children, Esther, who just lost her dad. Anitha gathered the parents together to help Esther's family. They visited their home, cooked a meal, and spent time with them. Their donations will help the family as they move forward. One of the special things about the people of Rwanda is that they are always there for each other, especially in difficult times. We are proud of Anitha and the families!



Welcome New Staff Member, Gerardine!

This season, the staff welcomes a new member, Gerardine Niyonizeye. Gerardine is a recent graduate of KHA. She lives in Boneza with her parents and four siblings. She enjoys singing, reading, and doing research. She speaks both English and Kinyarwanda



and also teaches Sunday School at her church. What a joy to see KHA

graduates living and working in Boneza! That's what makes this mission so special.

KHA Student Success Stories

Meet Gilbert Niyitegeka

In 2013, Gilbert Niyitegeka enrolled in the first class at KHA. They called themselves the Pioneers! Gilbert was an outstanding student who excelled in construction subjects and had a passion to continue his education after high school. He enrolled in the Integrated Polytechnic Regional College in Kigali and graduated last year with an advanced diploma in Civil Engineering.



Gilbert in the center as a KHA student

Today, Gilbert is giving back to KHA. He is teaching construction while also contributing to the education of his younger brothers and sister. He is a model of service and dedication, and KHA is proud to have him working alongside them as an excellent member of the staff. Welcome, Gilbert!



KHA Academic Notes

Congratulations to the Class of 2022! Each year, the graduating class must take and pass the National Examinations. This difficult and comprehensive examination is a requirement for graduation and for advancement to college or further technical education. This year the 76 seniors who participated in the examination all passed the tests with excellent grades, one third of the students had perfect scores. This ranks KHA as one of the best technical high schools in the country!



Congratulations, also to all of the teachers who worked shape the skills, knowledge, and attitude of the students. And special thanks to KHA Principal, Jean Claude Dusabe for his outstanding leadership!



School Sports News

The KHA Lions and Lionesses are competing in local and national contests including basketball, soccer, and volleyball. The Lions won at the sector and district level in all three sports. The Lionesses qualified to represent the District in basketball and volleyball.

Coach Vincent Abayisenga is proud of the level of competition that the teams have achieved.

One Scholarship - One Life

When Lisa traveled to Rwanda on a trek to visit the gorillas, little did she know that her life would be changed and that she would change the life of a young man. Lisa met JayZ on her tour and they instantly connected, closing the gap of countries, cultures, and age in a short period of time. Lisa learned that JayZ wanted to go to school to learn the tourism trade and make a difference in his life, his family's life, and the life of his country. He also shared that he did not have the means to acquire an education.



When Lisa returned home, she couldn't get JayZ out of her mind and was determined to find a way to help him achieve his dream. While researching the internet, she found Arise Rwanda Ministries. She was thrilled to learn of the school, Kivu Hills Academy in Boneza, that had a tourism curriculum. Lisa contacted ARM through the website and a board member answered her inquiry.

It didn't take long for the connection to become a pathway for JayZ to gain an education. KHA principal, Jean Claude Dusabe, met with JayZ and introduced him to the school. Lisa sponsored a scholarship for JayZ, and today he is thriving in the academic and vocational training that KHA is known for. Principal Claude Dusabe reports that JayZ is doing well academically and socially. He has integrated into the KHA family. While preparing for a career in tourism he is being nurtured in the care of the capable staff at KHA. Where there is education there is hope, and hope abounds at KHA!

Thank you, Lisa, for caring. Thank you, Jean Claude, for reaching out and accepting JayZ, and JayZ, we wish you the best education and a bright future!



ARM's mission is to partner with the Boneza sector to make the programs sustainable and integrated into the fabric of the community. God is at work in this amazing land, and we are privileged to be part of His work there. We give God the glory for all that is being accomplished in His name. Join us in prayer for the success of the mission and for the people we serve.

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Dear Friends of Arise Rwanda Ministries,

Thank you, for another great year of mission in Boneza. ARM is thankful to you for your faithful and generous gifts that show God's love to the people of Boneza. The many programs that have been the core of the ministry for eleven years, continue to bring hope, leading the community step by step out of poverty. The clean water wells are working and expanding, the preschools are filling the youngsters with nutrition, joy, and a chance to be prepared for an educated life, women are proud of their businesses as they support their families through their entrepreneurship endeavors, students are preparing for a productive life, Pastors are being encouraged and equipped, and the whole community feels the strength and love that comes with the compassion of the Arise Rwanda team.

As we look to the future and the challenges and opportunities ahead, know that your continued support is vital. Our 2023 annual budget for Arise Rwanda programs and general administration is \$180,537. The education budget including KHA and the preschools is \$145,380. To date, construction of the medical clinic including land purchase, has exceeded one million dollars. An annual operational budget is being prepared. The Arise Rwanda Ministries Board and the team in Rwanda carefully examine each part of the budget to make the best use of our resources. Your donations either for general operations or for specific ministries like scholarships, construction, or community projects provide the incentive to keep the mission on track to provide Boneza with God's care.

May God bless you and your giving heart.

Thank you from the US Board of Arise Rwanda Ministries and the Team of Arise Rwanda in Rwanda.

Your Gifts Bring Hope to Boneza

The ARM Team invites you to support the exciting work God is doing in Boneza!

Every gift makes a difference in the lives of those we serve. Whether it is a one-time gift or recurring donation - YOU can be a vital part of our ongoing ministry.

Thank you for your prayers and support!

See our website for more ideas and for specific project donations at AriseRwanda.org/Get-Involved

Thanks for being our partners in Boneza!