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Meet Peace, one of Impact Hope's newest students. See page 3.

"A Skilled Hand, A Hopeful Heart"

As told by Denis

As a child in the Democratic Republic of Congo, my life was peaceful and secure on our family farm. That world was shattered when war came, and rebels attacked our community. I was ten years old when my family fled our home and crossed into Rwanda.

When we reached Nyabiheke Refugee Camp, we were relieved to be safe, but heartbroken to leave everything behind.

My parents told us we couldn't return to the life we once knew. In the camp, survival required everyone to work, but school became our hope for a better future. Even when we were hungry, my siblings and I continued studying.

I worked hard and earned high scores on my national exams.

I was thrilled when Impact Hope selected me to attend Gahogo Adventist School – a Christian high school known for its excellence.

I love learning there and growing both in knowledge and faith. During school breaks, I'm part of the vocational training program in plumbing.

Plumbing is a valuable trade, especially now as Rwanda experiences a construction boom and needs more skilled plumbers. Once I receive my certification, I'll be able to find work and support my family.

Denis’ Story Continued

Because of the training and education I’m receiving, my future is bright. I’ll be able to help my family live better lives – and help others as I have been helped. Impact Hope has truly transformed my life, and I am deeply grateful.

Journey of Peace: From Kigeme Camp to Hope

My name is Peace. I live now in Kigeme Refugee Camp in the southern part of Rwanda with my mother, my only parent. But our story began in Congo, the place we still think of as home. My older sibling was born there, though I was born here in Rwanda. Congo is part of who we are, even if life led us elsewhere.

Life in the refugee camp is not easy, especially when it comes to education. I’ve always loved learning, but opportunities are limited. After finishing grade six, I wanted to continue to grade seven. I worked so hard—scoring 27 out of 30 in my final exams. But when I was invited to join a better-quality school, we couldn’t afford it. My mother simply didn’t have the means. So I stayed in the schools near the camp, where resources are few and the environment makes it hard to perform at your best. Even when you give everything, sometimes your dreams feel just beyond reach.

Then one day, a new opportunity appeared. I was selected to join Gahogo School through Impact Hope. When I heard the news, I could hardly believe it. I was filled with pure joy and gratitude—I had worked so hard for a second chance, and this time, God opened the door. When I arrived at Gahogo, I was nervous, but the older students welcomed us warmly. They showed us where to sleep, eat, and study—guiding us through every corner of the new campus. Their kindness made it easy to settle in. After just a few weeks, it already felt like home. My favorite classes are Mathematics, Physics, and Geography, because they help me understand how things work and how the world connects.

My faith has grown stronger, too. I was already a Seventh-day Adventist, but here, my beliefs are respected and shared. It’s wonderful to be in a place where I can worship freely and study in peace. My favorite Bible verse is Psalm 148:1 – “Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the heights.” It reminds me to thank God for every small victory, even when the road is hard.

I dream of becoming a manager one day—someone who leads with wisdom, gives direction, and helps others find their path. Leadership inspires me. I want to make a difference, not just for myself, but for other young people who come from refugee camps like mine.

Thank you sponsors of Impact Hope! Thank you for believing in us, for seeing potential where the world sometimes sees only struggle. I promise to work hard, to be faithful, and to make the most of this gift.

Hope for 150 Students

Because of your generosity, our Back to School campaign went beyond its goal. Now, even more refugee youth in Rwanda can receive a Christian education and build a brighter future. God's love for these young people is strong. He sees their struggles and has not forgotten them.

Through your prayers and gifts, He is bringing them hope. We thank God for His faithfulness and for our Impact Hope family who made this possible. Together, you're opening doors of hope for more students than ever before.

With deep gratitude,

The Impact Hope Team

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