



Madison Rwanda Community Partnership

sponsoring children in Karaba, Nyamagabe, and Nyaruguru,

Dear Sponsor,

An invitation for Madison sponsors— When you became a World Vision sponsor – perhaps at the *Step Into Africa* exhibit last spring – we promised to let you know about events specifically for Rwanda sponsors who live in the Madison area. At this time we are very pleased to invite you to a series of two dinners in mid-February, featuring Ananias Sentozi of World Vision/Rwanda.

Both dinners are being held in Madison and you are welcome to attend whichever dinner best fits your schedule. We encourage you to bring family members and friends who may be interested in learning more about World Vision's work in Rwanda. The enclosed card has all the details. Please let us know as soon as possible if you're planning to come so we can plan accordingly. Contact Doug Madsen by phone or email (dthor2@charter.net or 608/236-0344) or send the enclosed reply card to make your reservation.

Introducing Ananias Sentozi— Our special speaker, Ananias Sentozi is a man of great warmth and deep faith in God. From 2000-2007, Ananias served as director of the World Vision Area Development Program in one of the communities where some of our sponsored children live. He knows firsthand the challenges facing our children and their families, and is an expert on World Vision's approach to transforming lives and communities. You will be impressed by his knowledge and insight. In 2007, he joined the national office of World Vision Rwanda, working with U.S. sponsor groups such as ours.

Connecting Madison and Rwanda— As a result of the 350 new sponsors who made commitments at the *Step Into Africa* exhibit in April, 2008, our local sponsor group has new energy and new opportunities. We've given the citywide sponsor group a new name -- **Madison Rwanda Community Partnership** -- to encompass the 600+ sponsors and half a dozen churches from Madison which have now joined together to support World Vision's work in three neighboring Rwandan communities. For more information please visit our website: <http://www.madisonrwanda.org>.

2009 Trip to Rwanda— In October, 2009, a group of Madison sponsors will travel to Rwanda to visit all three communities where our children live: Karaba, Nyamagabe, and Nyaruguru. If you'd like to learn more about the trip, we encourage you to attend one of the dinners and/or get in touch with Eugenia Brown at 608/233-9188 or eugeniasbrown@gmail.com .

Thank you for making a difference in the life of a child! We look forward to seeing you on February 12 or February 14.

For the Madison Rwanda Community Partnership,

Rev. Rick Lund
Betsy Setzer
Bethel Lutheran Church

Steve Collins
Terry and Mary Claire Esbeck
Fred Grossenbach
Blackhawk Church

Eugenia Brown, Rev. Dale Chapin,
Ellen Montei & Jean Rene Watchou
Christ Presbyterian Church

Rev. Craig Heilman
Carol Jorgensen
Door Creek Church

Rick Zynda
High Point Church

Doug Madsen & Ellen Murdoch
Nyamagabe Partnership

Vern Visick
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