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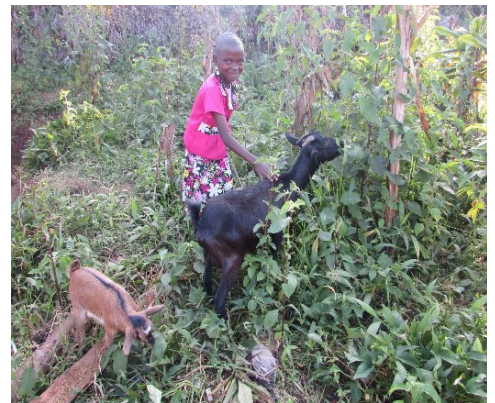
LETTERS/ANIMAL PROJECTS

Children are writing thank you letters to their sponsors. The letters are about the small family projects funds and gifts. It is good to teach every child to say thank you when someone gives something important to their families. For those who are not yet able to write, their parents write on their behalf.

This child is able to write but she needs her father to direct her on how to do it well.



Sandrine Nishimwe (pictured in pink) did a project of raising goats with her parents. She loves to spend time with her goat and the recently born baby kid.



Audrey Nzoyikunda with her family have a sheep livestock project which already gave a new born and chickens which give eggs day by day. Audrey is holding eggs that were given by the chicken. She is very happy that soon there will be baby chickens.

Audrey's parents testify that now with the eggs, if there is an urgent need, they sell some and buy whatever is needed for her schooling. The sheep are giving organic fertilizer. They expect a very good harvest of beans.

All these projects help the children to have food and meet other needs. When children are safe, they are able to more freely participate in their everyday lives like go to school, helping in their parents' activities and they are able to set goals for their lives in order to live a life that has a purpose.



Thank you for making a difference in the life of the child (children) you sponsor.

YOUTH CAMP AND VBS

The Burundi Free Methodist Church's mission is, "Teaching people to love God, to love people and to make Disciples of Jesus". Our youth are the current and future agents of genuine change in the church and in the nations. The Burundi FMC General Conference office in partnership with ICCM, organized a Vacation Bible School and a Biblical Youth Camp on behalf of the youth on a national scale.



Youth Camp

Theme: "I commit to guard my heart above all else."

Mission: "Helping the youth to become Disciples of Jesus-Christ, living with a lifelong will to guard their hearts at all cost, through genuine biblical teachings related to 'guarding one's heart.'"

The three key lessons covered in the three days were as follows:

- My heart has a very powerful importance
- What I am required to do in order to guard my heart
- What I am determined to do in order to guard my heart



A young girl who was ready to give in to peer pressure influence after hearing the teachings, resolved to make other choices.



The teachers themselves testified that the life-application-related format made them a must-be-taught brand even among the adults. The inclusiveness of the teachings made them applicable to non Free Methodist youth who also attended the camp.

Attendance statistics indicate 13,260 youth in-total attended the event, 2,348 of them made personal commitments to follow Jesus.

VBS

Theme: "I commit to be the Light wherever I am."

Mission: "Helping the children to become Disciples of Jesus-Christ, living with a lifelong will to be the light wherever they are, through genuine biblical teachings related to the Light."

The three key lessons covered in three days were:

- The meaning of light and its importance
- What I am required to do in order to be a Light wherever I am
- What I am determined to do in order to be a Light wherever I am

The themes were presented in forms of drama, games, songs, ... with relevant Bible verses that children loved memorizing or singing. They followed the teachings with great interest and enthusiasm.

Attendance statistics indicate around 46,300, were present in total, among them, 12,106 made professions of faith.