

THINK compassion

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Giving Thanks!

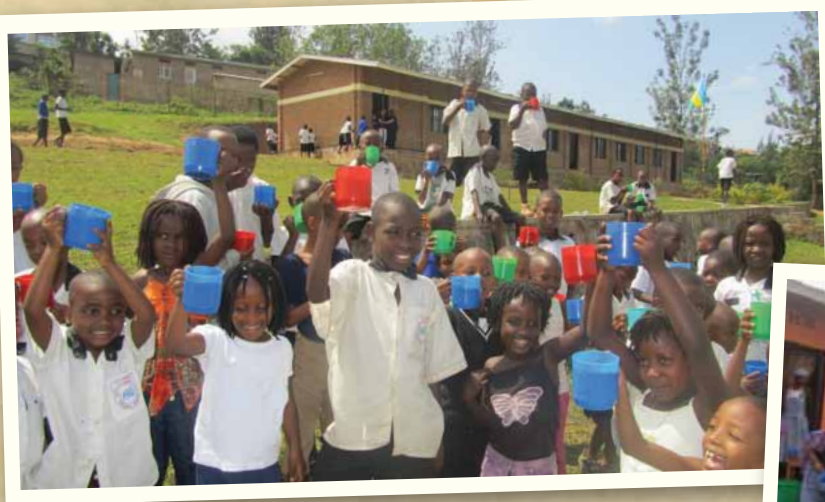
Think Compassion, founded in 2007, is a non-profit organization helping Students and Teachers at the Good Shepherd Primary School in Kigali, Rwanda. This Christian School was established in 1998, just 4 years after the Rwandan genocide where nearly 1 million people were killed in 100 days. The

Mission of the School remains the same... "to be a Christian School that is dedicated to offering high quality education to the poor and orphaned children in the surrounding neighborhoods". Think Compassion began by sponsoring 23 students, providing their tuition, supplies, and uniforms. God has truly blessed Think Compassion and today, we sponsor **92 students!** We are so grateful for all of our generous sponsors!



Launching the Porridge Program!

The long awaited Porridge Program was launched in March! A small "kitchen" facility was built and two local women (mothers of GSPS students) were hired to prepare the porridge, serve it to 240 students, and wash the cups. The porridge consists of soybean, sorghum, sosoma (a mixture of nutritious ingredients), and a little sugar. It is served hot and is the consistency of a very thin cream of wheat. It surely wouldn't be too popular in the States, but these kids love it and now drink it every day at 10:00 AM! What a blessing as most of the students come to school having not eaten breakfast and spend the entire day trying to learn on empty stomachs.



For more information on Think Compassion and the Porridge Program please visit ThinkCompassion.com

SPOTLIGHT

In a recent home visit, this young widowed mother of 5 expressed her gratefulness to Think Compassion and its sponsors for enabling these three children to attend the Good Shepherd Primary School. She explained that her husband died after her youngest, Emmanuel, was born and that her only income is carrying vegetables from place to place. The following day the three siblings were thrilled to receive t-shirts donated by the Seeds from Heaven ministry.



Our Time in Kigali

by Ann Hanson

Dick and I were able to take our second trip to Kigali this Spring. We were so pleased to see the newly renovated school in person! We were blessed to be there for the launching of the Porridge Program and to make several home visits. And we were truly inspired by the kids! The older girls prepared a wonderful dance for us... and then tried to teach us a few steps!

Paul and Jennifer Woods and their boys were our hosts. What a blessing it is to Think Compassion to have them in Kigali serving the school in so many ways. Paul is doing a remarkable job as Headmaster of the Good Shepherd Primary School and when Jen is not home schooling their three boys, she is teaching English to the students and teachers at the school, as well as helping in the office, going on home visits, and many more things.

Learn more about Paul, Jennifer, their family and the work they are doing for the children at GSPS by visiting ThinkCompassion.com



Jennifer Woods talking with Amon (left) while Jean Claude, P.4 teacher looks on.

A Note from Amon, GSPS Primary 3 Teacher

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for how you have showed us your love by paying school fees to children who study to Good Shepherd primary School. Surely God will give great rewards.

Although we don't know you, we pray for you and we hope that one day, if not here on earth, we will see each other in heaven!

May the peace of God be with you and your family.

Amon RUZIGAMA