



Projects Update

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2008 Rwanda Visit and Amahoro Africa Gathering

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Our Vision

1 -To support and facilitate the development of sustainable projects that empower communities and help break the poverty cycle.

2 -To equip community based organisations and their with the business structures and knowledge required to take charge of their own community's future in the global marketplace.

3 -To show respect for indigenous culture, customs, knowledge and expertise in all that we undertake.

4 -To reflect the love and the "Way" of Jesus Christ in all that we do and say and in the way we conduct ourselves in all areas of our work.

Day 4's managing director, Andrew Rigg, has just returned from a 2 week visit to Rwanda. Andrew, accompanied by his wife Alyssa, spent time visiting sponsored projects and as delegates to the second annual Amahoro Africa gathering, which this year was held in Kigali.

Amahoro Africa is an initiative of Claude Nikondeha, a Burundian now living in the United States. It seeks to bring together Christian leaders from Africa and around the world in order to learn, strengthen and provide opportunities for learning and growth for the African church.

This year's Amahoro Gathering (Amahoro is the Kinyarwanda word for "peace") focused on reconciliation. Its setting amid the mountains of Rwanda was particularly relevant given the genocide enacted here 14 years ago and the work of the local followers of Jesus to bring reconciliation to a divided nation. As well as hearing from Hutus involved in the genocide itself and Tutsi victims, gathering delegates also

heard from South African speakers, Kenyans affected by the recent post-election violence in their home country and of the need for reconciliation on a global scale in former colonial countries (this was



CUF Church members worship in dance at Sunday service on Mt Kigali

particularly relevant to Australia).

Apart from the conference, Andrew and Alyssa spent time visiting with the leadership of Day 4's recipient partners in Rwanda—the Christian Unity Fellowship. This included visits to projects funded by Day 4 at Umutara, in the remote north east of the country, on the Ugandan border, and business development meetings with some of CUF's self help groups. The meetings with the self help groups centered around funding for micro-business projects, some of

which you will hear more about in coming weeks and months.

A meeting was also held with representatives of another Australian based NGO interested in entering into a partnership with the CUF and Day 4 to deliver financial sponsorship for the purposes of education to children from the Mt Kigali community.

Day 4 are also currently going through the process of changing our name

and becoming fully incorporated. Our new name, *Day 4 Community Aid & Development*, better reflects the work we are doing in Africa and our incorporation reflects our commitment to our valued supporters and recipient partners. Incorporation is expected to be finalized by the end of June this year.

We will provide more information on the benefits to our supporters and sponsors in future newsletters and on our website. Below is a sneak preview of our new logo which will begin appearing on our official documentation once the process of incorporation is finalized.



Day 4 Community Aid & Development inc.'s new logo.

*Visit our website for the latest updates and Day 4 news:
www.day4.org.au*



Current Projects - Can you help?

Kenya Appeal— Update

In total AUD\$3200.00 was raised for the Kenya appeal, 100% of which has been sent to our recipient partners in Kenya— City Harvest Church. City Harvest is deeply involved in the process of reconciliation in Kenya and in the distribution of aid to the many thousands of people still living in displaced persons camps.

Thank you to all the churches and individuals who supported this appeal.

Sustainable Self Help Group, Micro Business Projects

We have numerous micro-business projects requiring funding. Typically these projects cost about AUD\$3500.00 to implement and will provide a sustainable, long term income for around 20 families.

Can you help?



Self Help Group Micro Business in Action

Vocational Training for Orphans and Widows - Ongoing Project

The tailoring program for orphans and widows has now been operating for several years with great success. Limited funds for the purchase of treadle sewing machines are preventing graduates from

finding work. Each machine costs around AUD\$140.

Can you help?

Please contact us for more information on these and our many other projects requiring funding.

We are available to visit your church or group to talk about our work in Africa.



Tailoring Vocational Training Project

Mountain School— Ongoing Project

A substantial donation in 2006 saw the first part of the development of a community school complex on Mt Kigali begin. Approximately **US\$170,000** is still required to fully fund this project.

When complete, the project will provide inexpensive schooling for children from poor homes who would otherwise not have the opportunity to attend school. As such this is a *priority project*.

Government red tape has delayed the

construction process however, following meetings with government leaders in May, the final go ahead has been given to complete the school.

A single donation of \$10,000 will complete one classroom. Partnerships with churches or other organisations are welcomed.



How to donate

Donations can be sent by cheque (**made out to Day 4**), banked directly into our bank account by direct deposit (please contact us for account details), or by credit card through our secure online gateway (contact us for details).

Our Commitment

All funds will be allocated to the project for which they have been provided, unless that project has been completed. In this case funds will be redirected to another of our active projects. Because our administrative costs are low **we guarantee**

more than 95% of our donated funds will reach our African projects.

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