

## Rwanda Rising

Every year when I join the small team of compassionate Rwandans we support to implement these vital projects, I meet scores of widow and orphan beneficiaries. They burst with gratitude for what God has sent them and I grasp my place, our place, in His universe. He has sent *us* more than we need so we might bring *them* the extra and they, in turn, might inspire us to escape some of our materialism.



This year 70+ widows will have their houses rehabilitated and, in mutually supportive groups of 10, will have land to cultivate for greater food security. More than 70 teenaged orphans will be supported in boarding schools, absolutely the richest gift they will ever receive. Below they work together cultivating vegetables to earn school supplies.

In August '13 we established another eco-stove factory to sell 1500-2000 smoke-free stoves throughout its community, cleaning home air for about 10,000 people. For a mother with kids bumping around her kitchen, the new stove gives her relief they won't suffer lung damage or burns.



Thank you for sharing as you have. Miraculously, no orphan was sent away. Every widow was given at least a promise of help to come. In return, they send a blessing, the only surplus they have to give.  
— John