KIGALI READING CENTER

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RWANDA: LAND OF A THOUSAND HILLS

• About the size of Maryland
• Population 10M+ (most densely populated country in Africa)
• 44.9% population below the poverty line (2011 est)

www.imagineafrica.co.uk
www.cia.gov
Mission: To prepare the youth of Kigali for an increasingly globalized world by providing them with the life-altering tool of literacy through straightforward, engaging and accessible programs.

Vision: To create an environment that enables the children of Kigali to embrace the challenges of an ever-changing world by instilling in them the culture of reading. In collaboration with families in Kigali, we envision a city that grows through the power of reading.
“EDUCATION SECTOR: NEED FOR MORE READING AND WRITING CULTURE AMONG CITY DWELLERS.” – CITY OF KIGALI FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

A typical slum setting with semi-permanent houses in the outskirts of Kigali City. (photo credit: www.newtimes.co.rw)

- Rwanda has made incredible gains by any measure since the 1994 genocide
- Significant public and private investment in the country in the past decade
- How do we ensure opportunity and prosperity reach the significant population of those living in poverty?
The KRC will:
- Provide a safe space
- Provide free access to books
- Foster a culture of reading and writing

Through services such as:
- Storytime, acting, and music
- One-on-one tutoring
- Distributing books for children to keep

WORKPLAN

- Finalize organization’s legal status in US and Rwanda
- Initial trip in August 2014:
  - community needs assessment
  - partner meetings
  - establish and outfit space
- Key questions to be answered:
  - sustainable procurement strategy for book donations
  - most effective outreach strategy for community’s needs (e.g., primarily social space; book distribution; public storytelling; tutoring; etc)
- Continued fundraising and networking
... and the many generous individuals who have collectively donated over 5,000 books and over $6,000 to date
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