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## Ange



To have the opportunity to study for an orphan of the genocide is the only path to prepare her future. Nothing can help her more than to get an education. Here, in tomorrow's Rwanda, in order to live, yes I said to live, you need to have at least an undergraduate degree. In our association Tubeho, some orphans did not have a chance to study because they were, right away after the genocide, in charge of younger brothers and sisters. Others were unable to study because of their scares and trauma. A lot of us do not have the financial, material, and mental means to study when one has to face alone so many challenges and even more so when being the head of a reconstituted household. Therefore any financial support to allow us to ease our material difficulties gives us a greater chance to study and to have a brighter future. I just finished high school and I am now in my first undergraduate year at the Adventist University of Central Africa in Kigali.

Before the genocide, I lived in the province of Gisenyi which is now in the Western Province. I lived there with my brothers and my two parents who loved me a lot. During the genocide, we had to flee and hide separately as we found ourselves dispersed in different locations. I hid with my oldest brother. Both my parents were killed and after the genocide I lived in an orphanage with my brothers and my oldest sister for four years. Because the military insecurity in the region where the orphanage was located, we moved to Kigali in 1998 where a mother accepted to take care of us in exchange of a rent paid by the FARG (Help Fund for Survivors of the Genocide). A few years later, I move to Kimironko—another neighborhood of Kigali—and became a member of the Association Tubeho.

For me Tubeho has made a lot of things possible in my life. Before I joined Tubeho, I felt lonely. Now, I have friends with whom I can share the pleasure of being alive. Thanks to Tubeho, I know that there are people who care for us, who help us to have something to eat, and sometimes even help us to build our future. To study is the key of my future and I would like to see everyone in Tubeho have the chance to find a job... this would be ideal even though it's unlikely to happen since some orphan didn't have the chance to study or just can't.

*Q: How will the creation of a library and mini computer room change the opportunity to study and integrate into professional life for the members of Tubebo?*

The creation of a library and a computer room will give more chances to Tubebo's members to be literate and computer skilled. It will increase our chances to find our way in the professional world and find a job. For us, to find a book or having access to a computer are rare opportunities, and sometimes it is just not possible and this is a great disadvantage for us compared to other young adults. When one does not even have enough to eat, how can one even start to think to a computer or a book. If we had the chance to have a library or a computer room, this would truly help us greatly. Moreover, to know that we are supported and that we are not alone despite the fact that we have lost our parents constitutes a formidable help. Nothing like the feeling of knowing that there are people who are thinking about us and who love us.