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I am a student at the Université Libre de Kigali where I study economics. I am the head of reconstituted household, taking care of six children that are orphans from the genocide like me. I was ten years hold when the genocide started in Rwanda. My father, my mother, my two sisters and my baby brother have all been killed during the genocide. My parents loved me and took great care of me, now it is my turn to do so for others and this is why I am studying so that I can find a job that pays enough to buy food and offer them a chance to study.

In my daily life, I like peaceful activities, I love to study, talk with friends I can trust, listen to music in my room, and over the week-end I play sometimes basketball, my favorite sport. I take classes in the evening since during the day I have to take care of some very young children. But sometimes, I am not able to pay for the bus or do not have time to walk the 6 miles to the campus. To be able to study is expensive for me, in addition to tuitions that cost \$900, bus transportation costs 300\$ and books another 200\$. If I was not help, I wouldn't be able to pay for my education. I start my day at 6 am. to take care of the kids and send them to school and prepare something to eat for them. I leave at 4 pm. to be on campus at 5.30 pm when evening classes start. I am back home around 11 pm. This semester I take a class in advanced micro-economy.

My joys and My hopes? I love to travel as I did recently in three neighboring countries. It makes my happy to discover new places and meet new people. I would like to say two things to those who would be so kind to help us to fulfill our dream of getting an education. First, it matters a lot to know that there are people who will take the time to help me and be interested in my future. Second, to be able to study at the university represents a lot for me because my studies are my only richness for me who has lost everyone and everything. By attending university, I am not only learning academically, but also how to live and interact with others.