

Tubakunde Project, Rwanda



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Tubakunde is a Rwandan word meaning 'Let us love them'. The Tubakunde project vision is to provide a safe and culturally appropriate environment in which children's lives can be transformed. This involves: Supporting extended families and communities in their child care; providing day care and teaching for young children and babies. For orphans and abandoned children this involves: A short residential assessment of each child's needs; placing children with kinship or foster families.



Babies and pre school children

Rwanda has many orphanages and schools but there are no facilities for babies and pre-school children. The Tubakunde project aims to have centres to be able to take in abandoned or orphaned babies where they can be assessed and cared for in a loving environment over days or weeks and then be placed in families in the local community. These babies would have ongoing monitoring. The projects will also provide training for carers to enable them to feed the babies a balanced diet from local produce and have a community group where carers can help and support each other.

Rwanda and its people

Rwanda has a population of 8.5 million of whom 50% are children. 10% of all babies die before their first birthday. Rwanda is affected by an AIDS pandemic and severe poverty. Average life expectancy is 47.

Children in great need

There are many children in great need in the Ruhengeri community. The Tubakunde project will work with orphans who have lost one or both parents, babies whose mothers have died in childbirth, babies abandoned by young mothers, sick children dying from treatable diseases, children living on the street and Child headed families.

Training and development

Many young women are orphans of the genocide and have taken to prostitution as their only means of support. This leads to abandoned and unwanted babies. The Tubakunde project aims to provide care for the babies so that these young women can receive education and training to enable them to provide support for themselves and their children through legitimate work.



Pam Hajnasrollah

Pam is the project manager. She has a deep Christian faith and is a member of the New Malden Free Evangelical Church. She is a qualified and experienced nursery nurse and nursery manager. From 2001 - 2005, Pam worked in Ruhengeri in Rwanda as Head Matron setting up and managing the residential side of the new Sonrise Boarding School for orphans. She therefore has relevant experience and skills to pioneer Tubakunde, and shares God's heart for the very needy young children of Ruhengeri.

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