

The Periodic...

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SPECIAL RWANDA KIDS FOR KIDS UPDATE

In the high school program for 2015, Kids for Kids will be sponsoring 62 students. In 2014, between parish council, the ladies group and individuals St. Timothy's sponsored 33, 17 of which are now finishing up their schooling. Your sponsorship fee of \$250 covers room and board, tuition and some basic supplies. Since 2008 approximately 156 students have finished secondary school.

The program of sponsoring deserving Kids-For-Kids students at the University level continues as well. This academic year (starting late September 2014), there are 15 students in the program, seven in Year Three, three in Year Two and five in Year One.

In Rwanda, all families are classified under a system known as *Ubudehe*. There are six categories, ranging from Very, Very Poor (Category 1) to what we would deem to be modestly affluent (Category 6). All the students in our program fall into Category 3. This means that the government will cover, in the form of a loan, 50 per cent of their annual tuition costs or about \$462.50 US. Our per capita contribution of \$750 US then covers the remaining tuition and (hopefully) 100 per cent of their living costs while attending University.

Starting in the 2015-2016 academic year, it is expected that the tuition of Category 3 students will be financed 100 per cent by the government. This being the case, we are considering reducing our per student contribution to cover living expenses only. The advantage of this would be to increase the number of Kids-For-Kids students attending post-secondary institutes of learning. Absent this change, we will only be able to sponsor five or six more students with the monies still remaining in our Trust Fund.

Kids-For-Kids encourages individuals currently sponsoring students at the secondary level to consider extending this support to assist them in attending University (providing they meet all other criteria). If this change in funding occurs, the cost of enabling students to carry on to University will be greatly reduced. Current sponsors should give this serious consideration.

Thanks to all of you who have sponsored these students over the past several years. And a special thanks to Gerry and Linda Taunton for establishing and helping to run the university program. In a very practical way you have all made a difference not only in the lives of the students but in the lives of their families and in the nation as well. If you would like to sponsor a student this year or would like more information please speak with Audrey Haigh or go to www.k4kpromotingeducation.com.

REMUSIKING: Singing Our Way Through Advent & Christmas

Music can ignite our imagination, evoke our memories and reach our soul through our heart, mind and senses in a way nothing else can. This Advent, from looking for His coming again glory, to celebrating his birth with joy, we will be using music to guide us through the season; reminding us of what has been and pointing us towards what will be. From our special Advent and Christmas services to our Advent devotional guide we will sing our way through the incarnation.

LOOKING FORWARD...

This has been a busy year with everything from the launch of the new website, updated leaflet and our 10 Celebration to First 5 establishing itself, building a 6 year curriculum for Kidz Church and Tasting Room Theology starting up. As we move into 2015 we are looking to see growth in many of these areas as well as continuing to help people grow in their faith through worship, devotions, bible studies and personal spiritual formation. We are also looking to launch a joint work with Sutherland and North Shore Stress & Anxiety Clinic to offer a series of free public lectures on various mental health issues. We can only do these things because of your amazing ongoing support. In late November we will be presenting you with the 2015 budget and ask that you begin to pray now about your offering and support pledge. 'Cheerful, sacrificial giving, responding in gratitude to God'.

UPCOMING DATES:

Nov 3-7 ANiC Synod in Ottawa
(Peter H & Rev. Ken attending)

Nov 7: First 5 Family Dinner Night
6-7:30

Nov 16: Ordination of Grady Buhler
3pm with reception to follow

Nov 17: Woman's Group 1pm with
speaker Kevin Lee of Harvest Project.

Nov 19: Tasting Room Theology:
Scotch & Chocolate 'Death in
Culture' 7:30pm @ Laura Lynn Lodge

Nov 21: First 5 Wacky World of Games
Night 6-7:30

Nov 23: Guest Speaker Dr. Sharon
Smith from Sanctuary Ministries.

Nov 30: Advent Choir Service

