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Dear friends and Sponsors

With the blessing of my dear family and the Free Christian Church of Ebnat-Kappel, I left Switzerland on **April 30, 1993**, to return to the field after 10 years of shorter assignments.

Under enormous political tensions, hardship and hunger, many young people experienced Jesus as their personal savior and helper in need. This spirit of awakening also dominated the annual meeting. With great applause, it decided to start three more secondary schools. I was appointed director of the Karengera boarding school. Thanks to my further training in pedagogy in Bern and Brussels, the responsible ministry also confirmed my candidacy, and from the beginning of the school I was put on the state payroll with my teachers. The home community worked with joy and dedication for the reconstruction and extension of the already existing buildings, so that everything was ready for the arrival of the first 91 pupils.

**We thank you, O God – yes, to you alone is our thanks,
for you are near to us! We tell of your wonders.**

Ps 75:2



Students and teachers rejoiced in the freedom to celebrate daily devotions and weekend services in addition to the mandatory school program. A student choir was formed. New songs were composed and performed with enthusiasm.

When the sun shone on Sunday afternoons, the hamlets of the surrounding area were graced with joyful singing. Within a short time we were surrounded by men, women and children, who supported us with their voices during well-known songs.

Buying the necessary food was a big challenge in the small market of Karengera. Students from poor families

experienced for the first time what it means to be provided with three meals a day. In the fall of 1993, the radio reported on the rising tensions between the different parties and ethnic groups. Attempts were made to mediate at international conferences. Prayer nights were held back and forth in the communities. Everyone felt that only God's intervention could resolve this ethnic conflict. The students worked on their assignments until 9 o'clock in the evening. Afterwards, I again took time to read and interpret God's Word with the students. With many songs and prayers, the full day was concluded.





Manji

On the Congo-Nile watershed, at 2500 m above sea level, Italy realized this agricultural project instead of the virgin forest. Tea, vegetables, potatoes and fodder for dairy cows were planted on the terraces.



The project leader, Celestin, set to work with enthusiasm. He brought not only work and food security to the poor rural population, but also together with Pastor Faustin the Gospel. Right next to the first primary school rooms, he had a spacious church built!



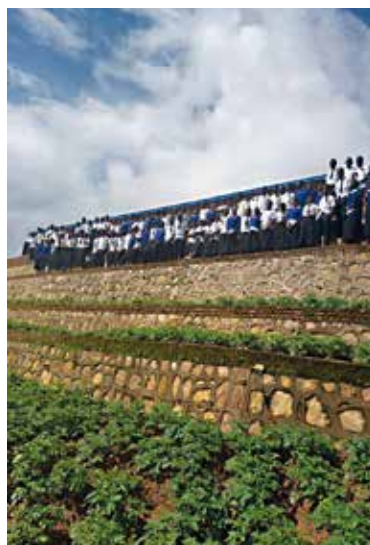
When I took these pictures 30 years ago, I felt the great esteem in which the friendly director was held.



Today, 59 teachers work in this remote school center and to ensure that everything runs smoothly, other employees work in administration, the kitchen and night security.



1,000 primary school students are happy about the renovated classrooms and also about the warm lunch, which some of them must have missed during the Easter holidays. The 500 secondary school students are overjoyed to be able to complete the three-year secondary school and three-year middle school at the place where they live. The vegetable garden planted on the terraces of the retaining wall enriches the lunch table.



For a year now, the vocational students have been doing their internship at their school and are thus making a valuable contribution.



Since day schools are required to serve a hot lunch to all students, children's academic performance has improved significantly. The only problem is that many parents can hardly pay the greatly increased school fees.

In order to enable the orphans and poor students to attend school, we transfer money to our major centers every quarter for food purchases.

Dear friends, thanks to your support, we can still be a lasting blessing for 10,000 students and their families.

Your grateful
Alfred und Lucie



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