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## I DIDN'T CHOOSE TO MAKE MYSELF AN ORPHAN

reads the title to this sculpture in the Genocide Memorial in Kigali. The genocide in Rwanda and AIDS in Uganda has produced many orphans. Almost every family has adopted extra children. Sometimes the oldest children of twelve years will be the heads of their households. Association Misericorde in Rwanda began a programme to help 300 orphans. Afrinspire is currently the main financial supporter for these orphans, 250 are at primary school and 50 are at secondary school. Our target is to send £9,000 during 2006 to keep these children in school. A more detailed progress report is available to anyone who requests it. We need more monthly sponsors for the orphans. Thirty seven of the orphans attend the Association Misericorde Secondary School. The rest are in a variety of government schools. Most of the children are about three to four years behind, so are starting secondary at the age of 14 years. The missing years are due to the disruption of the genocide.



Mawa is a highly trained orthotic technician who makes special shoes, artificial legs and wheelchairs for the disabled. He is pictured here with Shantari who is a victim and survivor of the Rwandan genocide. Her whole family was killed. Shantari was brought from Rwanda at the age of two and is cared for by relatives in Uganda. She was one of the children who received corrective surgery at Kisizi Hospital by visiting British doctors in 2004. Shantari is attending the workshop for an assessment for her special shoes. Shantari is also being sponsored at secondary school by an Afrinspire supporter.

Mawa has remained working as a volunteer at the Orthotic Workshop in Kabale for the past eight years after the major funding for the Foundation of People with Disabilities came to an end. FPD is a large organisation of disabled people across the south of Uganda. It has survived but was fading without resources. Afrinspire has partnered with FPD and Voluntary Service Overseas to find a way forward. Joerg Rottmann, a business consultant from Hamburg, has taken seven months off from his normal job. He has spent time with FPD to produce an Organisational Capacity Assessment. This will be used for making strategic choices, changes and planning for the future. A second volunteer, chosen to match the forward plan requirements, will spend two years with FPD, starting in July 2006. VSO are meeting the cost to get the volunteer there, but Afrinspire is providing the local funding for the volunteer placement. We need to provide about £1,000 every six months starting from this July. In the future there may be other things in the plan which will require funding.



## RWANDAN WOOD CARVING



This is an attractive wooden carving of Africa to hang on a wall. It is hand made in Rwanda. The small one measures 20cm x 20cm and is sold at £10. The large one measures 36cm x 40cm and is sold at £25. All profits will go towards

supporting Rwandan orphans. The small one has countries named in English and the large one has countries named in French.

## CHORAL AGAPE

We have a music CD called 'Choral Agape' with twelve songs of Christian worship sung in Kinyarwanda. It is contemporary and spiritual worship. We have the lyrics translated into English. These words are moving words and can be described as 'touching heaven' because they are born out of the spirits of those who have been through the genocide. The cost of a CD is £10 which will come with a full words translation. They are not commercially produced but are being sold with permission and all proceeds will go towards supporting Rwandan orphans.

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