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New weaving group in Gitarama photographed with Nicolette (blue t-shirt), Centre Marambo Manager.

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Latest News from rYico

Brighton Marathon runners



Three brave individuals will be running the Brighton Marathon on 18th April in aid of rYico. If you would like to pledge your

support, please visit their justgiving pages: [Luke Preece](#), [Lawrence Newson](#) and [Carmel Dunmall](#). Luke tells us:

"I am very happy to know that running the marathon, a great challenge for me, is going to enable rYico to have a real impact on the lives of so many tragically disadvantaged youths through their work at Centre Marambo."

Thank you to you all for your support!

Volunteer teachers wanted for placement in Rwanda

rYico is seeking English and Science teachers to volunteer for Centre Marambo's partner organisation, St Joseph's School, in Cyangugu in the South West of Rwanda. If you are qualified and interested in a volunteer placement with rYico, please email Anna Chippendale at info@ryico.org to discuss the opportunity further.

On 16 March ALL Donations matched by 30%!

Get Ready! On 16 March 2010, GlobalGiving will be matching all donations made to our project on www.globalgiving.org by 30% (up to \$1,000 per person). If you would like to support us, put the date in your diaries and [click here to donate](#).

Donating materials to Centre Marambo

STUFFYOURRUCKSACK If you're going to Rwanda and have space in your bag, Centre Marambo would appreciate any useful materials that you could donate. For an up to date list of materials needed by the centre, please visit rYico's page on stuffyourrucksack.com.

Centre Spotlight

Latest addition to the Umugongo House



January has been a busy time for the Umugongo House. Several boys have moved on to secondary school in Cyangugu (South West Rwanda) and the house has welcomed some new residents.

Two new boys joined Umugongo House in the last couple of weeks. Pacific, 8, and Ginora, 6, both have sad tales. Pacific, lost both parents to AIDS related illnesses recently and had no one to look after him. He was living on the streets of Kimironko, when Kigali's sector authorities picked him up. He was taken in and passed over to Centre Marembo whose staff are now settling him into a new life in the Umugongo House.

Ginora is just 6 but had been neglected by his mother. His father left the family when Ginora was young and his mother would go out to work as a 'house girl' and live away, leaving him at home on his own. When the Kigali authorities heard about his situation they asked Centre Marembo to take him in. Both boys are now settling in to life at the Umugongo House and attending local schools along with the other residents.

Beading group project



In our November newsletter we updated you on the family planning necklaces that beading group at Centre Marembo has been commissioned to produce by AKTION REGEN.

We are pleased to report that the project is progressing well; the group are producing hundreds of beads and have already produced whole necklaces. This is a great opportunity for the beading group and also aims to have a positive impact on women and families in Rwanda and beyond.

[Click here](#) to read more about the project.

Free milk in schools

Every Rwandan child will soon receive a pint of milk everyday as part a government initiative that aims to supplement their diets. This was approved by cabinet meeting recently where it was suggested that urgent activities be done to kick start this programme as soon as possible. This is great news for the boys at the centre that are attending school. To read the full article [click here](#).



Personal Perspectives

Volunteers at Centre Marembo

Two volunteers from the UK are currently working at Centre Marembo to identify funding opportunities and provide support to the Centre Manager.

Florah Keller Cooper and Jenny Clover have spent their first month of several at the centre. Florah shares wit us the [story of Claude](#), a new resident at the Umugongo House, who came to us in October last year.

Both have been spending time with a new **basket weaving group in Gisimenti** (pictured left and above) who are working with Centre Marembo to make products for sale in Rwanda and the UK. The group are being trained up and are now able to earn an income.

[Click here to read Florah's observations](#) of her time in Rwanda so far.

Thank you to both Florah and Jenny for your hard work and support!

How you can help

rYico is always looking for financial support to continue its projects at Centre Marembo. By setting up a monthly standing order of any amount, you will guarantee us a monthly income that will help us to plan and sustain our projects. If you are able to contribute any amount each month, please complete the form below and send it back to us. We'll do the rest. All of our work in the UK is carried out by volunteers so your donation will go direct to the centre. Thank you.



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