

Orphans + survivors

You Can help...



Mukantwali Nathalie - Only five during the genocide, she was forced to watch many relatives being beaten to death. Her parents, brothers and sisters were all killed. Because of the trauma she took 13 years to finish primary school.



Mulisa Fred - His parents, brothers and sisters all killed in the genocide. His right hand cut off and his legs still damaged. *"I thank God for what He has done for me and ask God to strengthen me to be patient and righteous".*








Laetitia Gakwaya - Her parents and six brothers & sisters killed in 1994. She was macheted and beaten and left for dead, but survived, only to be raped later. *"Before I knew Jesus I always had sorrow and hatred in my heart. Since 2000 I forgave those people and got peace in my heart"*

Comfort Rwanda, together with Solace ministries in Rwanda, reaches out to orphans and survivors like Mukantwali Nathalie, Mulisa Fred, and Laetitia Gakwaya Through building homes, helping with education, healthcare & employment, Comfort Rwanda gives orphans and survivors the opportunity to face the future & smile again.



Comfort Rwanda was established in Scotland in 1999 to partner **Solace**, an indigenous Rwandan charity bringing aid and reconciliation to widows and orphans following the genocide of 1994. **Together** we have seen hearts, homes & livelihoods restored. **Today** they live with a **hope** and a **future**.

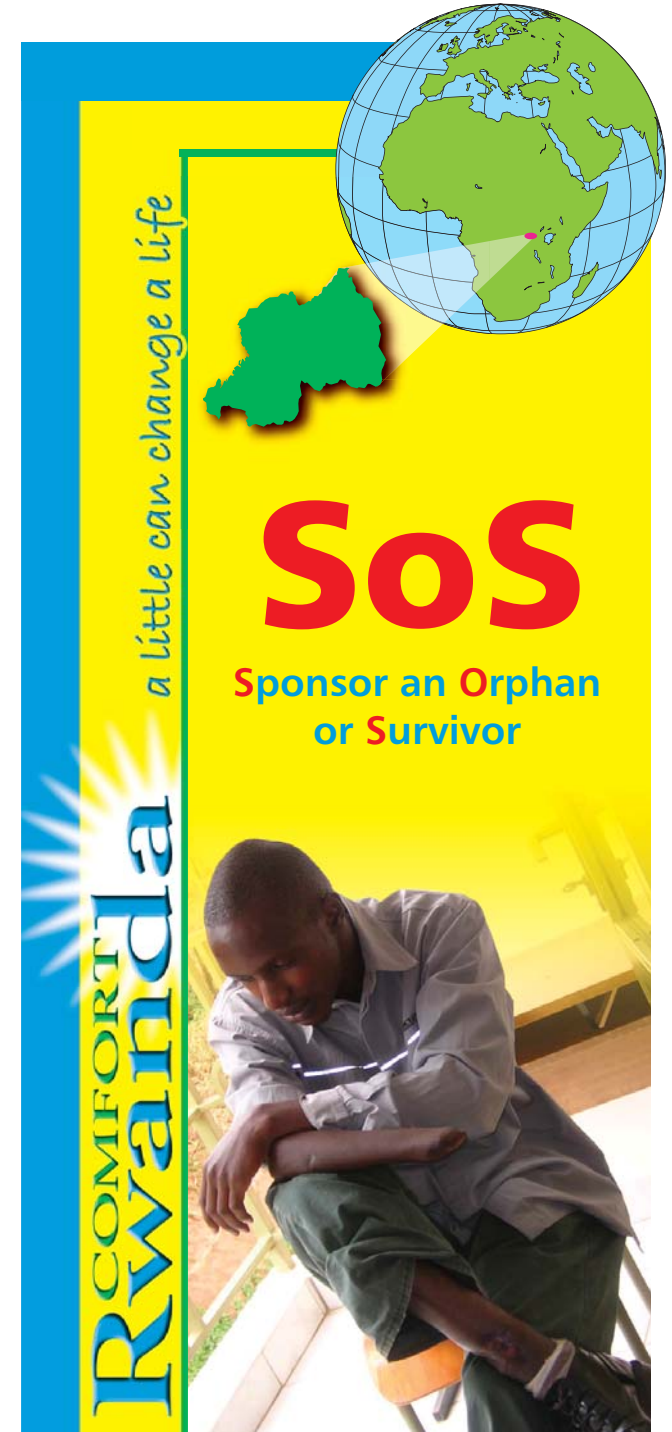
A little can change a life. If you would like more information or wish **Sponsor an Orphan or Survivor** please fill in the insert.

-  Comfort Rwanda will send profiles of orphans or survivors to you. We will recommend someone on the basis of priority of need but you can request other choices if you wish.
-  You will receive a picture and details of the person you sponsor.
-  You will receive at least one letter (translated) from your survivor each year as well as an annual update on their progress.
-  If the person you sponsor becomes self-sufficient you will be told and given the option of ending sponsorship or sponsoring another survivor
-  **100% of your gift goes directly to Comfort Rwanda**



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The poster features a yellow background with a blue border. At the top right is a globe with a red dot on Africa and a green map of Rwanda below it. The text 'a little can change a life' is written vertically on the left. The word 'SOS' is in large red letters, followed by 'Sponsor an Orphan or Survivor' in blue and red. At the bottom, a young boy sits on a stool, looking down. The word 'COMFORT Rwanda' is written vertically on the left side of the poster.

Schooling

Supporting orphans and widows

"Quotes"



Help with schooling.

Many orphans and survivors were unable to continue schooling because of trauma or poverty. Others spent all their time trying to find food for other surviving children.

Comfort Rwanda and **Solace** are working hard to help those survivors complete their schooling by providing support for school fees, books, transport and uniforms. Some survivors have gone back to school in their thirties so it is never too late to give an orphan or survivor an education and a better future. Constance (see picture) was helped through SOS to finish school aged 23 and is now studying at University.

from our partners...

"I cannot tell you how this has been a comfort to us. These young people came to us and we felt helpless and frustrated. The Lord has used you once more in a crucial area where many young people continually attempted to commit suicide because they thought they cannot cope. Now they have hope. Thank you!"

Sponsor an Orphan or Survivor supports orphans and widows who need help to overcome the trauma and poverty caused by the genocide. Many orphans have grown up without parental care and have no education or employment. Some widows who lost homes, livestock and fields as well as their husbands are still without income to bring up their children who survived. Widows who lost their own children have taken in other orphans and struggle to cover the costs of food, clothes and schooling. Sponsor an Orphan or Survivor recognises that it is not just young children who need sponsored. All survivors need help to rebuild their lives and your sponsorship helps them break the poverty cycle and begin a new life of hope. Depending on the need the money is used to provide food, education, health care or general upkeep. The orphans and survivors also receive comfort, advice, counselling, and advocacy from Solace Ministries.

Comfort Rwanda also partners Solace Ministries for special needs such as housing or young people's healing camps.

From a sponsored orphan survivor

I thank you so much and this comes from the deepest of my heart. In the name of my family I promise you that we will be good children for you as you have been a parent for us. The support you give to us, is helping us in building our future. We will not disappoint you. Tumubare Albert (right).



you can help make a difference...

"the genocide swept away our beloved people and properties ... I lost trust in God completely. When I came to Solace Ministries I started believing again"

"The bad thing is that we still live with those people who killed our beloved ones and made us orphans. They still oppress us and within the last few days they threw stones on our house"

"she is the only one who survived in her family"

"Everything I get comes from God. Being alive and going to school makes me come very close to God"

"My request is to get daily food"

"My father was found by militia ... His whole body was full of nails; he was killed by torture. I saw my mother and aunt raped. My godfather's wife was killed on a cross"

"We don't have a house, and often we don't have food at home. We live miraculously"

"He is at secondary school and it is difficult for them to get school materials and treatment when they are sick."

What has changed since your sponsorship – "we go to school, we have daily food and we have clothes"