



Greetings to our wonderful supporters. We're excited to share news of all you've enabled us to achieve in 2014. Together we're bringing literacy to Rwandan children!

OUR NEW KAYONZA YOUTH CENTRE LIBRARY IS OPEN!

We had a very successful spring mission to Rwanda with volunteers Elizabeth Dilasser, Jordan Levine, Franco Bordignon and his daughter Stefanie. Our team opened our second library in Kayonza District YEGO youth centre on March 15. We stocked it with 2,000 books, periodicals, 10 e-readers, 4 laptops, shelves, tables and chairs. Some 500 locals and officials attended the opening. We also donated soccer jerseys to local teams who played a match to mark the occasion. The team also co-hosted a literacy workshop for local NGOs on March 20 with Rwanda Library Services to create a national reading network. And we donated 1,000 books to two Muhanga primary schools, Ecole Primare Gitingati and Biti Elementary, with help from funds Stefanie's school raised. It's all due to your generous donations. Thank you!



Elizabeth Johnson at Nkondo Elementary, Rwinkwavu, March 2014.

TOP IMMIGRANT AWARD

Grace Rwanda co-founder Elizabeth Johnson was nominated as one of Canadian Immigrant Magazine's top 75 immigrants this year. She was in great company alongside Vancouver MP Hedy Fry and B.C. Senator Mobina Jaffer. Thank you to everyone who voted. We're eagerly awaiting contest results on June 24 to see if she'll make the top 25 in the country. Fingers crossed!

IN THE NEWS AND BOOKS

Grace Rwanda's story was featured in an e-book titled *B.C. Without Borders: 50 British Columbians Leading the Fight Against Global Poverty* this spring. We were pleased to be considered one of the province's top charities! You can download the book at Amazon.com. Co-founder Marie Louise Kaligirwa was featured on the CBC, and we were mentioned in an article, [**Grace in the Midst of Genocide**](#), by Trinity Western University and profiled on the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs web site as a key humanitarian aid non-profit.



Grand opening of the Kayonza YEGO youth library, March 2014.



Student reading his new book.



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*Bringing children together
brings the country together.*

GRACE RWANDA ON FILM

We were fortunate to have UBC PhD student and independent filmmaker Jordan Levine with the Grace Rwanda team on our last mission trip. He took incredible footage and is now creating a moving documentary on Grace Rwanda's work. It will be an incredible educational outreach tool and we're grateful for his help. If you have film editing skills he'd welcome assistance. Email info@gracerwanda.org.

SUMMER COMMUNITY FUN

We're excited to be back at Langley's Walnut Grove Family Day this summer on June 21. We'll also be celebrating at Langley's International Festival/Canada Day event from June 28 to July 1. Come by and visit our booths!

TOONIES4CHANGE NEWS

We've completely revamped our Toonies4Change.org web site to better connect with B.C. students. Check it out! We continue outreach at B.C. schools, most recently at Port Moody's Heritage Woods Secondary. We'd like to thank Burnaby's St. Helen's School for raising \$1,400 for 700 books. Book your school talk at info@gracerwanda.org.



Volunteer Stefanie Bordignon with school children.

KEEP RWANDA READING

We're fundraising for our third and fourth YEGO libraries, which we hope to set up in Kimisagara and Nyanza this fall. We'd love your help. Gifts over \$20 are tax deductible. Donate at GraceRwanda.org or by mail to Grace Rwanda, #46 - 8675 209 Street, Langley, B.C. V1M 3W6.

ROTARY PARTNERSHIPS

Grace Rwanda is looking to partner with Rotary clubs to access a matching grant to create more youth centre libraries in Rwanda. We've already received a generous donation from the Rotary Club of Langley Sunrise (District 5050). Contact us for ways to team up with your club.

CORPORATE SPONSORS

Grace Rwanda has been blessed with support from a dozen socially responsible B.C. companies, including Telus, Manulife, GAP, Bordignon Marble & Granite Ltd. If you'd like to sponsor a youth library or book box and have your company recognized contact info@gracerwanda.org.

JOIN US IN RWANDA

See your donations in action. Join us on a book distribution trip to visit schools and view wildlife in Akagera Park. All trips are self-funded. Contact info@gracerwanda.org.

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Your Donations At Work

\$2 = 1 book
\$20 = 1 book box
\$45 = 15 primary books
\$120 = 20 secondary books
\$300 = 50 secondary books



Rwanda's youth thank you!