

An estimate of what it will cost

Preparation Costs...

Orientation, travel, vaccinations, health & psychological checks before and after etc	£910
Travel to Rwanda (and return after 3 years)	£670
Language study in Rwanda	£340
3-week FHI orientation course.....	£1,420
Setting up home	£900
Total	£4,240

Monthly cost in Rwanda

Living allowance.....	£635
(includes food, health, insurance, housing, pension, Nat Ins etc)	

You can help!

- Talk to Tom about his work and receive his prayer letter.
- Pray for him and for his work.
- Keep in contact to encourage him.
- Make a gift towards his preparation costs.
- Take out a regular standing order to give towards his monthly financial support.

Thank you.

All gifts and standing orders should be sent to the Food for the Hungry UK office. Please use the enclosed Bankers Order form. Cheques should be made payable to Food for the Hungry UK, marked for Tom MacGregor. Remember that, if you pay UK tax, the Inland Revenue will add a further £2.80 for every £10 you give to a UK charity. Please use the enclosed declaration form.

FH/UK works in partnership with and in support of Food for the Hungry Association (FH). FH seeks to walk with churches, leaders and families in overcoming all forms of human poverty by living in healthy relationship with God and His creation. FH currently has operational programmes in 20 countries.

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Food for the Hungry UK

New Staff for Rwanda

Tom MacGregor



“He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8

I am a 30 year old Christian with a degree in business studies. I have been working in the corporate world for over 5 years, mostly in the insurance sector where I am a chartered broker. However, I feel challenged to do more for the poor. I do not want just to send money but to actively improve the lives of communities in a developing nation by creating work opportunities.

FH-UK have accepted me for secondment to FH Rwanda as a **Micro-Enterprise Development (MED) Officer** with responsibilities for the implementation of the MED programme in Rwanda and Burundi.

A strong emphasis of the projects I will be working on is to evaluate the resources available, consider appropriate options and formulate a strategy that will develop these ideas into a working reality.

The vision for all of FH's work is based on a Kingdom of God view that all things need to be transformed and made whole. The aim of FH is to help communities and their people fulfil their God-given potential. This is God's work!

Tom's Story

The love affair I have with Africa was planted in my heart at the age of 18 when I spent 6 months working with a missionary organisation on the west coast and in the southern part of this great continent. Before visiting Rwanda last June, I was not aware of how much I loved Africa, but it was then that those seeds planted over ten years ago began to grow.

Whilst I was in Rwanda, I met many people who were highly trained and desired to work but simply had nothing to do. I was heart-broken to see the injustice of very qualified and capable people living in abject poverty because no jobs existed for them. When I came back from my time in Rwanda I knew for certain that whatever I did with the rest of my life it would need to include helping these people.

I spent a number of months researching different organisations operating in Africa. All of them are doing really good work helping many people, but none seemed right for me, until I discovered 'Food for the Hungry'. The work they are involved with in Rwanda is exactly what I had been hoping to do. Not just the work they currently do but also the plans they have for the future; it all seemed to just fit with the desire of my heart.

As a Christian, I believe in the wisdom and truth contained within the Bible. Whilst praying and thinking about working with Food for the Hungry, a passage that spoke to me was Micah 6:8 *"He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."* I have experienced many good things in my life; not just a loving family and great friends but also the satisfaction of having a good job and being able to afford to pay for the roof over my head and the food on my table. Ultimately I want to show God's love by helping others enrich their quality of life.

Plans and Dates

Up to August 2007. Preparation and orientation in UK.

August 2007. Depart for Rwanda with initial 3 months spent in Kigali for orientation, settling in and language training.

From Nov 2007. Tom will move to Butare to join with a staff of about 15 and begin his work in implementing the Micro-Enterprise Development programme in Rwanda and neighbouring Burundi.

Rwanda

The land of a thousand hills



Life expectancy	47.3 years
Deaths of children under 5	118 per 1000
Population with adequate access to clean water	58%

Rwanda is one of the world's poorest countries, with an estimated 65% of the population living in serious poverty. It is also Africa's most densely populated country with 9 million people sharing a land area of 26,328 sq km – a little larger than Wales. Around 90% of the population live in rural areas and are mainly involved in subsistence farming. The 1994 genocide decimated Rwanda's fragile economic base and severely impoverished the population, particularly women. Substantial progress has been made in stabilising and rehabilitating the economy to pre-1994 levels, but people are still poorer than in 1994. Despite Rwanda's fertile ecosystem, food production often fails to keep pace with population growth, requiring food imports. Problems include deforestation, overgrazing, soil exhaustion and erosion.

Food for the Hungry in Rwanda

An emergency relief and rehabilitation programme was started immediately after the 1994 genocide, with a particular focus on reuniting orphaned and separated children with natural families. By 2000, the emphasis had shifted to long-term sustainable Biblically-based development. Current programmes include child development, health, agriculture, environmental rehabilitation, business development and civil society development and church development.

Conditions in Rwanda are ripe for economic development and FH recognises the need to include the poorest in this. FH will seek to develop social entrepreneurial activities to generate profit and contribute towards developmental activities, with the aim of helping the poorest overcome all forms of poverty.

