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Jean Baptiste Mukiza Age 22

We had five children in my family: four girls and a boy. But during the war my father died along with two of my sisters. But happily today we have my mother.

Before the war of 1994 we lived in Nyarugemge. My family is poor and our house was destroyed in the war. In 2005 FARG (National Fund for Assistance to Survivors of the Genocide and of Massacres) gave houses to survivors without houses. They gave us a house in Kinyinya.

Today we live in Kinyinya outside of Kigali, the capital of Rwanda. My mother has no work. My sister Luise is a secondary student studying business. My sister Josephine is a high school student. My sister Clementine is in fifth grade. My sister Olivier is unemployed.

There aren't many people left in my family. The others in my family are girls. I am the only boy.



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Beate Madudu Age 22

I like travel.

I like to be calm.

I like people.

I like my family also.

I like my sisters.

I like to play basketball and volleyball.

I like music.

After the genocide there are no problems (between tribes). We have reconciled. The problems of ethnicity have ended and now we have security in this country. There are big consequences to genocide particularly in this country and in general in the world. There are problems of orphans and widows. The problems we have every day are the problems of poverty.

I was eight years old during the genocide. I am used to missing my parents because you can't do anything to see the people that you have lost.

We can never forget what has happened because we have a lot of scars on our bodies.



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Prince Emmanuel Nkusi Age 25

I cannot forget what happened to me during the genocide because I have been badly wounded in the heart. And another thing, the people who killed my family didn't ask me to forgive them.

Sometimes I wish to leave Rwanda. You ask why? When I meet with obstacles or problems which I must solve myself because of the genocide I wish to leave Rwanda. In our daily life we have many obstacles like lack of household items, food, money for traveling to school, school materials etc. If I had money I would study in order to be able to satisfy my needs and the needs of the community. We try to share everything with our neighbors

After losing my family members I was thinking that God doesn't have love for everybody and that the international community supported mass killings. Genocide is very dangerous because it violates the dignity of human beings. I think that everybody must fight against genocide everywhere, like in Darfur in Sudan.

Your country (USA) has the power, nobody can doubt that. This means that it was able to save the lives of people who were killed during the genocide but didn't help anyone. What do you think of this?



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Gilbert Nshimiyumukiza

Age 23

I live in Kigali in Rwanda. My life is not good because of the war. My parents died when I was 9 years old. I am interested in helping the widows and orphans of the genocide. I feel bad because I lost my first life, the love of my parents. But now I am alright. Now I have to build my house and to plan a project for my future to make my family happy.

Now after the genocide there is freedom and everybody studies forgiveness and other best things. There are no more tribes. After the genocide we became one people. We don't want someone to bring back that idea in us. I can't forget the genocide.