



March 2025 Newsflash

We're leaving for Rwanda soon and taking solar lights and stoves with us...well sort of!

We're excited to be getting ready to go back to Rwanda from May 20 to June 2 with nine volunteers. We will learn about the projects that INSPIRE!africa supports, meet survivors of the Genocide Against the Tutsi, and see firsthand how your donations have been put to work. Follow our trip on Facebook and attend our November fundraiser to hear about our adventures!

With your donations today, we will be purchasing stoves and solar lights there to distribute to survivors during our trip. These stoves and solar lights will give them the opportunity to thrive and live healthier lives.

Why are solar lights and stoves needed?

Sunset is very early in Rwanda all year long, so solar lights will mean that after dark, students will be able to study, and families will be able to socialize without the harmful effects of kerosene. Some solar lights can also charge cell phones and repel mosquitos, and others have a radio. Bonus!

An energy saving stove is designed to use less wood or charcoal while generating more heat. In addition, they are designed with insulation materials and air flow

systems that ensure complete combustion, reducing smoke and toxic emissions. A win-win!

We would be very grateful for whatever amount fits your budget, but please consider that a donation of:

- \$25 will buy one solar light
- \$30 will buy one stove

Please **send in your donations before** our departure on **May 20**. See our [website](#) for details on how to give. Please help us to help Rwandan genocide survivors continue to get ahead.

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A Word from Our Volunteers

We asked our 2025 trip participants why they are going to Rwanda with INSPIRE!africa and what they are looking forward to. Here's what some of them had to say:

- “I am seeking opportunities to give back to people whose countries I have traveled to, and help make life a little better for those less fortunate than ourselves.”
- “What better way to discover a new and exciting country than to go with people who know the country, history and culture intimately. To be able to give back in any way possible adds another level of amazing to the whole trip.”
- “We want to visit the country that has gone through so much and shown incredible resilience. We look forward to meeting the people and getting to know their beautiful country.”
- Meeting and interacting with Rwandans, hearing their stories and perspectives. I find with an open mind, I always learn so much from others!”

Calgary Commemoration of the 31st Anniversary of the Genocide Against the Tutsi

Please join the Calgary Rwandan community for this important event.

When: Saturday, April 19, 2025

Where: Mount Royal University, Ross Glen Hall

RSVP: To RSVP, please click [here](#)



Tax receipts

Tax receipts for 2024 were sent at the end of February. If you haven't received yours, please contact Jae at jaecowie@yahoo.ca.

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