



**Rwanda Trip**  
**September 23<sup>rd</sup>-October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Any questions: Contact Derek Nesland- [derek@courtsforkids.org](mailto:derek@courtsforkids.org), 360-521-0592

Thank you for your interest in joining our group's trip to Rwanda. In April of 1994, the world stood by and watched as Rwanda erupted into a horrific genocide. 16 years later, the country still hasn't recovered. This will be Courts for Kids first trip to Rwanda and fourth trip to Africa.

The purposes of our trip are twofold:

1. We will work with a ministry called Ten Talents International, partnering with Nyanza Primary School to build a multi-purpose sports court. This court will be the only one for miles and will provide many kids with an opportunity to play sports. There are 1300 kids alone who attend the primary school. We will work hard pouring the concrete, but the reward will be great!
2. Second, we will go over there with humility and a willingness to learn. We tend to look at people in less developed countries as less fortunate. While this is true in some areas, it is definitely not true in others. We know that we will be inspired by the Rwandans in ways unimaginable to us now. We seek to learn and grow through this experience so that we will be changed as we come back.

This will not be a touristy, comfortable trip. We will work hard, long hours. We will be hot and sweaty. We will be eating food we're not accustomed to. We will be on a plane for a very, very long time!

However, if you choose to go, I can almost guarantee you will look back on this trip as a life-changing experience. You will grow so much in a week it will make you wish you could stay for longer. In fact, you will probably say this was the best week of your year, maybe your life.

Will you join us on an adventure?

Derek Nesland  
President and Founder  
Courts for Kids

# Trip Details

Trip cost- \$2950\* (Includes airfare, food, lodging, all transportation and travel insurance. Does not include- passport, immunizations, food at airports and spending money for things like souvenirs, calling cards, etc.).

*\*For an additional \$600, we will take an excursion to see Mountain Gorillas in the wild. This will take a full day and a half. Those who choose not to take part in this will have another alternative provided for them.*

## To-Do List

1. Make sure you have a passport that will not expire before April 4, 2011. If you need a passport, go to the nearest post office for assistance. **In order to avoid the headache and stress, make sure you get your passport on time, do it ASAP.**
2. Fill out the sign-up form and turn in your non-refundable deposit of \$100 (check payable to Courts for Kids). (The deposit will go towards the cost of \$2950).
3. Turn in the first amount of \$1,000 by **July 1, 2010.**
4. Turn in the second amount of \$1,000 by **August 1, 2010. (FIRM DEADLINE...NEED TO PAY AIRFARE)**
5. Turn in the remaining cost of the trip- \$850 or \$1450 (w/ gorillas) by **September 15, 2010.**

*For #2 through #5, see fundraising help*

6. The recommended vaccinations for travel to Rwanda according to the Center for Disease Control are the following (**Keep in mind these are recommended, not required. Check with your local doctor and make the decision best for you**):
  - a. Hepatitis A
  - b. Hepatitis B
  - c. Yellow Fever
  - d. Routine
  - e. Typhoid
  - f. Polio
  - g. Rabies
  - h. Malaria Pills

\* The passport and immunization costs will be your own responsibility. If you raise more than \$2950, however, you can use the surplus to apply to these extra expenses. Just make sure to keep your receipts and turn them in to Derek.

## Flight Itinerary

United 250	Sep 23 <sup>rd</sup>	PDX 735A	IAD 333P (stay in DC)
Ethiopian Air 503	Sep 24 <sup>th</sup>	IAD 930A	ADD 830A (Sep 25)
Ethiopian Air 811	Sep 25 <sup>th</sup>	ADD 1045A	KGL 115P
Ethiopian Air 810	Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>	KGL 400P	ADD 830P
Ethiopian Air 500	Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>	ADD 1015P	IAD 735A (Oct 4)
United 217	Oct 4 <sup>th</sup>	IAD 1235P	SFO 325P
United 6106	Oct 4 <sup>th</sup>	SFO 448P	PDX 631P

*PDX= Portland, IAD= Washington, DC, ADD= Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, KGL = Kigali, Rwanda, SFO= San Francisco*

## Site Details

We will be flying into Kigali International Airport, the same airport where the airplane of then-President Juvenal Habyarimana was attempting to land before being shot down in 1994 launching the country into one of the worst genocides in modern history. Most estimates put the death toll between 800,000 to 1,000,000, which was close to 20% of the entire population.

As you can imagine, the aftermath of the genocide will haunt Rwanda for years to come. Among the many problems the country is facing are the large number of street children, many of whom were orphaned by the genocide.

Our in-country partner, Ten Talents International is working diligently to rescue these street children, take care of their basic needs, provide for their schooling and launch them into a productive life in society. Their children attend various schools, one of which is Nyanza Primary School, where we will be build the sports court. 1,300 kids attend this school, and this will be not only their sole sports court, but the only one for miles. Next to the school is a Genocide Memorial Site.

We will be staying at the ANLM (African New Life Ministries) Guest House in Kigali. In addition to the court, we will also be able to take part in other activities to show us the need and beauty of the Rwandan people and their culture.

Rwanda, Congo, and Uganda is also home to the only populations of Mountain Gorillas in the world. For an additional charge, trip members will be able to take an excursion to get up close to these magnificent animals in the wild.



## Sign up Form

To ensure your spot on our Rwanda trip, please bring this form with a \$100 non-refundable deposit made out to Courts for Kids that will go towards your trip costs.

Please send to:

Courts for Kids  
Attn: Derek Nesland  
PO Box 61874  
Vancouver, WA 98666  
360-521-0592  
[derek@courtsforkids.org](mailto:derek@courtsforkids.org)

Name (as spelled on passport) \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Beneficiary Name/Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Needed for our travel insurance policy*

## Fundraising Help

1. Come up with a list of friends and family members who might support you on this trip. Don't rule people out too quickly. You will be very surprised at who will support you. Get their addresses.
2. Type up a support letter for people to make a tax-deductible donation on your behalf. (use the sample provided for an idea)
3. Send the letter, pledge card and a return-addressed envelope (to your house) to everyone on your list. **IMPORTANT- Get this letter out ASAP to make sure you get your support raised in time.**
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4. If applicable, schedule a meeting to talk to your pastor to see if your home church will support you.
5. Make sure people give you checks made out to Courts for Kids. When you receive a check, put the name and address of the donor onto the worksheet provided. (This page is for your records, so you can send a thank you note when you receive the check as well as a summary afterwards).
6. When you have raised enough for your airfare or for your total trip, turn in the checks to Derek Nesland.
7. Make sure you send a thank you letter to all your sponsors. Then, bring their addresses on the trip so you can send them a postcard.
8. Other fundraising ideas (Send out support letters first as this is the best, proven way to fundraise for a trip like this)-
  1. A big car wash-Instead of doing the car wash in a parking lot, approach a local car wash and ask if you can pre-sell tickets and get the proceeds for the time you are there helping.
  2. Ask people for in-kind donations. Either have a big garage sale or sell them on ebay.
  3. Pursue grant opportunities at local, larger businesses. For example, Walmart and some grocery stores regularly give away grants around \$500-\$1,000.
  4. Do a marathon event and get sponsors. Example- an all night free throw shooting marathon and get people to sponsor per made free throw. Be creative and find a good fit for your group.

**(IT IS BEST TO REWRITE THIS LETTER ADDING YOUR OWN WORDS TO GIVE IT A PERSONAL TOUCH. USE THE FOLLOWING AS A GUIDE)**

December 20, 2009

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

I am excited to share with you about an upcoming service project I will be doing in Rwanda this upcoming September. I need to raise \$2950 in order to make this a reality so I am asking friends and family members to consider helping out with a tax-deductible contribution.

We are headed to the African nation of Rwanda, home to the infamous genocide of 1994. By the time our team arrives, the genocide will have been over for more than 16 years. However, the effects of the genocide still haunt the country. One particular problem is the large number of street children without hope for the future.

Our partner for the project is a ministry called Ten Talents International, who rescues these children from the streets, provides for their needs and helps with their schooling. One of the big needs for these children is safe places to play sports. Sports can provide a necessary, healthy outlet, especially for kids who have been through so much trauma and abuse. To give them a place where they have control over their bodies, can release their stresses and develop teamwork is an essential part to their development, especially in Africa where sports plays such a key role.

We will be partnering with a local school to provide a multi-use sports court for their 1300 children plus kids from the surrounding area. It will literally be the only court in miles. We will work with local community members to build the court. I know that I am going to have to work incredibly hard, but I'm sure seeing kids playing on the finished product will make it all worthwhile. Sports has been a big part of my life and I am excited to be able to help kids around the world through something that has helped me in so many ways.

We are going to be completely immersed into the community, working together to build the court, but also taking part in other cultural activities. We are going to help support the local Rwandans, but I know this will be a life changing trip for me as well.

Would you consider supporting me as well as the Rwandan community in this project? I need to raise **\$2950** for this trip to be possible. If you are interested, please make a check out to **Courts for Kids** and return it in the enclosed envelope. Could you please return this envelope as soon as possible in order to make sure I hand everything in with enough time to spare? Your donation is **tax-deductible** and **100%** of what you give will go directly to this trip.

Sincerely,

o Yes, I would like to support \_\_\_\_\_ on the Rwanda Courts for Kids project in the amount of:

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$500
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$200
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$100
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$50
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$25
- \_\_\_\_\_ other amount

Please check this circle and write your email to the right if you want your donation receipt e-mailed to you to help us save costs and resources.

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# Donor Giving Worksheet

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