

Pocket change per day, that is what many people in Burundi are earning as they try to eke out a living. Considered the poorest country in the world, their GDP per capita sits at around \$350, compared to Canada's \$74,000. Some stats state that the minimum wage is \$1.60 - not per hour, or day, or even week, but per month! It is common for non educated workers to earn less than \$20 per month, while someone like a teacher would earn less than \$140/month. Yes, some things are cheaper, but when wages versus costs are factored together, Burundians have 99% less wage than those of us in Canada. Wow! After my visit last June I could see that poverty was the norm, but I didn't realize the depth of it. This puts into perspective the value of the items we packed into the container last week for YFC Burundi.





About five days before we were to start preparing for this container we got a call from the Victoria school board asking if we wanted 144 desks that were coming out of a local high school. What an answer to prayer! YFC Burundi has five schools, and many desks that they currently have are broken as they have not been able to afford to get new ones.

These desks will be a huge boost in supporting their ministry to hundreds of young people! God also provided an incredible last minute answer to prayer for the funding of shipping it over, with me messaging the National Director at 11pm my time while he was about to get on a flight back home so we could get the proper paperwork in on time. Some crazy moments but it all worked out! The Lord continues to amaze me at how He brings provision and details into place to bring about His purposes, and it is a thrill to be a part of it. Thank you for being a part of it too!

I am currently working on a container for YFC Kenya that we hope to send out in the next few months, and there are already some great God stories with it as well. Please pray with us for these two - one on the way, and one in the works - for God's protection over them, and His continued purposes to prevail as we do our part.

Thank you, and may you know the presence and work of the Lord in a very deep and meaningful way as we look towards this upcoming Easter weekend.

Blessings,

Dave

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