



KIVUMU TIMES

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Welcome!

The VTC Padri Vjeko school and all of us working in it, along with the people who live in Kivumu are delighted to welcome the birth of the *Kivumu  Times*. Starting from this issue, our VTC has joined the group of modern schools which communicate in this way with the ones who are interested, while the students and the employees have the opportunity to write about their studying, work, friendship and school in general. I would like to thank all those people who have invested their effort and knowledge in creating our school newspaper, and also to wish a long and successful life to our *Kivumu  Times*.

Fr. Ivica Peric

Head Master of VTC Padri Vjeko

A MORNING IN KIVUMU

Adolphe Iyakaremye, Electricity Section

When the sun rises in the morning, houses, valleys, hills are all beautiful.



The village and the whole nature around it are green because we are in the rainy season. It is the season when the people are busy digging for planting all sorts of crops, like beans, cassava, potatoes, and vegetables. It is a very good time because it rains only irregularly and when it

doesn't rain it still doesn't get too hot. The trees grow, the bananas and also the grass. So the people who own cows, goats, rabbits, chicken, sheep or pigs can feed their animals well.

Even the roads aren't so dusty. But it is also the time to build houses, because here we use the cheap sundried bricks. Only someone with money can build in this season.

In summary Kivumu has a good location in the Southern Province of Rwanda with many hills, forests, and a good climate.

When you get up in the morning you see the hills which are around Kivumu: Musambira, Munyinya, Npushi, Keza, Kamonyi and Ruyanza.

Many pupils know Kivumu because of the VTC.

Welcome to Kivumu.

FAMILY

Jean-Paul Habanabakize, Carpentry Section

My name is Jean-Paul. I was born on 25th June 1983 in Kivumu. I have my mother and three sisters and one brother. Two of my sisters and I have families. My eldest sister has two daughters; the other sister has three kids, two girls and one boy.



I have one kid, she is a girl. She is nine months old; she begins to eat fruit and other food and already loves to stand up. My younger sister is attending the Technical School in Ruhango District. My brother is working in different places in our country. I am teaching at the VTC Padri Vjeko in Kivumu in the carpentry section.

I would like to tell all young people what I mean is most important in life.

I mean to get married is good because you have to think about your family's and your future, so that

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in many ways you change your mind. Anyway, it is most important to build a house.

Now I still move in different directions. I hope in five years from now I will be better off than now.

N.B. Somebody said that getting married is about having a house. But just plan carefully what you are going to do and then marry. The house you will build later!

MY FUTURE FAMILY

Diogene Twagirayezu, Plumbing Section



First of all I will have to look for money and then, after finding it, I will make a plan of building a house.

When I have finished it I will

save money again in order to prepare getting married and to be safe with my wife and my children. So we will work together to continually have a good future.

This is my plan about my future family.

BEING A TEACHER

Adolphe Iyakaremye, Electricity Section

The teacher is a person who has the talent to produce or to detect a good result with others or to give us a future by giving a person a direction which way to follow.

That means that, for example, a teacher should observe and follow the development of his pupils from early on, he should encourage them and be patient.

When I was at school my teacher told me to follow him I sometimes didn't do it, because then I was still young. But now I understand what he wanted to tell me.

The best or at least a good teacher is someone who gives the pupils a good example, shows good behavior and control, has leadership skills, sociability and patience. A teacher gives the students what he has.

If you plan to be a teacher don't consider your personal interest, because teaching needs dedication, you have to work long hours and are very busy every day.



PLAYING FOOTBALL

Innocent Nshimiyamana, Welding Section

In general Rwandan football has slowly reached a good position because here in Rwanda we have some schools that offer intensive football training. So that is why some football teams engage only Rwandan players without anyone who comes from outside the country. E.g. the APR FC (Army Patriotic



Rwanda Football Club) and of course the National Team profits from that training to build good teams.

So I like to play football and have fun but I also act as a referee (see whistle!). I learnt to act as a referee in school and I do it around once a week. It is fun. Watching football matches I enjoy as well.

HOUSES IN RWANDA

Richard Mizero, Carpentry Section

In general in Rwanda wherever you look around there are located more houses of different size and shape. Some of them are cheap and others are more expensive.

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Lately when I've come home where I come from there are now many more houses in my village. Those new houses give our village a good shape in the hills. That is called an agglomeration.



Everyone should enjoy the life in his/her own house.

PREPARING FOR A GOOD LIFE

Aphrodis Harerimana, Tailoring Section

I see that it isn't easy to get everything that she/he would like to have. But everyone thrives to do everything possible to develop. Different actions are possible in Rwanda but many people don't have jobs which gives them a sufficient salary every month. That is why many of them dig.

Crops of maize are important. We find it in all provinces in our country. For those who dig, crops of maize help them to get enough money for building a house.



You can even buy more livestock, like cows that then will produce calves. That is a good way for

developing a family, you can eat meat, drink milk and you even can get money to solve other problems.

TAKING CHILDREN TO SCHOOL

Aphrodis Harerimana, Tailoring Section

It is important to go to school because it helps you to prepare for a good future life. If you learn it means that you are able to decide what the best is for yourself or your family. Some people chose to learn sewing clothes. Someone who has this skill

can help in the development of his/her family life and social life.



But as an advice at the end: Do not forget having vegetables. They are a useful food in your family. If you have them it protects you from having to go to the market for everything.

THE LAZY BOY SIBINDEBA AND THE BIRDS

Aphrodis Harerimana, Tailoring Section

The boy Kamani refused to learn and to follow his teacher's lessons. He thought that when he got questions that he somehow would be able to answer or to ask his fellows. When Kamani was in the classroom he was always thinking about other things and not the lesson. He also liked to disturb the others during class. The teacher punished him but he refused to listen to him or to follow his lesson.

One day as all the students went home the teacher made Kamani stay behind and told him the tale of the birds:

A long time ago, a bird had a nest in a tree which stood in the garden, where the family of a boy called Sibindeba had planted maize.

This bird had three children and it told them to try to watch Sibindeba farm, listen to every word he says and then to retell her everything. In the morning of the next day the mother-



bird went around her business and when she came back home her children told her that S Sibindeba had said that early in the morning he would cut his maize. And the mother again told them to continue to be observant. Sibindeba never came to cut his maize. After another couple of days the young

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birds told their mother that Sibindeba had planned to come with a friend to cut the maize. But then unfortunately the friend didn't have time to help Sibindeba.

When Sibindeba went to see his garden he noticed that there was very little maize left, he just shrugged and said what can I do and went home again. But the following day he seriously wanted to come early in the morning to cut his maize. But the young birds had found out that Sibindeba would come alone without a friend.

The birds sat down together and agreed to cut down all the maize during the night and keep it for themselves in their stores. When Sibindeba actually came in the early hours of the morning he found his garden completely empty. There wasn't a single seed left. The birds took it all. Sibindeba did not get anything because of his laziness.

So did Kamani learn anything out of these happenings? He changed his behaviour in school. He was disciplined and willing to learn all the lessons in school. Students and teachers were happy after K. changed his mind. Later on he was the best in the classroom.

ABOUT CARPENTERS IN THE VTC, KIVUMU

Laurent Mitari, Carpentry Section

When you enter the carpentry workshops at the VTC you are welcomed by different sounds, materials and workers. When you look around you see many students busy with their work dressed in their smart school uniforms.

They all smile and you know why? They feel confident in their skill, carpentry is their passion and they admire their section. All the boys and girls say: Carpentry is needed everywhere in the world. When you look at them, you see that some of them are repairing furniture, others build new furniture, others are learning to make joints, another group is sawing and planing timber, in general everyone is very busy.

And they advise other young people with these words: To all young people in our world, how about your future? You are still young and you have many tasks ahead, so look around. The society is waiting for your help. You are welcome in the carpentry section at the VTC, remember if you plan your future well, everything will be well and your action will be remarkable.

Our strength in the carpentry section will help us to build our future lives and we will reach our target. In general all carpenters in Kivumu VTC have ambitions to reach their goal and they feel

confident. All the time they work hard. All they learn in Kivumu VTC will improve the standard of their lives in future and they strive to be inventors, creators in their craft.



After all they never forget to be good students and they thank Kivumu VTC for all its help. For that fact they all say "We just found our aim in our life" and they say again "Our future will be bright", even though for many it is a hard struggle.

CHILDREN IN KIVUMU

Valens Mutungirehe, Welding Section

Kivumu is a village that is located in the Southern Province, Muhanga District. It has a primary school that offers basic education, the VTC Kivumu, a secondary school and now the new technical secondary school as well.

Most children in Kivumu go to primary school and



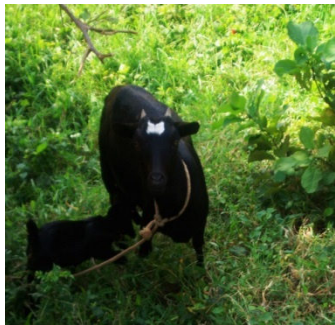
after the lesson they go back home and then immediately run out to play Amagorori in the sand and other games. They love to be together with their friends. When they are older they leave the family to find a job and others come to the VTC Kivumu where most of them are very successful.

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BREEDING GOATS

Dancilla Ayinkamiye, Carpentry Section

All over Rwanda; but especially in the rural areas; goats are being kept and bred. They are small and beautiful animals, they are easily kept in a rather small place. It feeds basically on anything. A goat is very fertile, the gestation time is only five months, so it can produce one, two or even three kids twice a year. Goats are especially healthy in the dry season. They love to lie in the dust.



That animal plays a big role in the life of a family. It helps them to solve many problems, such as getting meat for brochette, producing manure

for the garden and giving money and by that reducing poverty in the family.

The skin is used to make shoes, and belts. The milk from the goat can treat many sicknesses, like kwashiorkor, a protein deficiency disease that especially affects small children.

In short, the goat is very important for human life.

THE CHILDREN AND THEIR WORK IN THE FAMILIES

Joseph Nzirorera, Tailoring Section

After returning from school, many children in our village go back home to help their mothers. There they have to look for firewood, go and get water and help prepare the meal and so on.

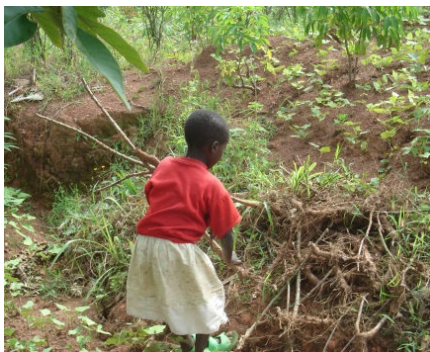
I want to tell you about the little girl that you see on the photo. She is six years old and she goes to primary school in Kivumu.

She loves to work very much.

When she comes back from school, she tries

to look for firewood near and far from her home. And her younger sister helps their mother to get water.

This is a good way to teach the children to help their parents and the parents can educate their



children to work properly and to love their work from an early age up to their old age. When you teach a child early on to work, you give him a big help for the future and for the country. So the advice goes to all parents: Please continue working with your children so that they can get a good future.

FETCHING WATER IN KIVUMU

Anysie Barakamfitye, Electricity Section

Water is a clear liquid in seas, lakes, rivers and streams and rain. Sea water is salty, lakes are large areas of water surrounded by land; rivers have their sources in mountains and hills and flow into the sea or a lake. A stream is like a river, but smaller, it sometimes falls dry in the dry season. Water is needed for life by everyone for drinking, food preparation, washing, watering plants etc.

Here in Kivumu there are many different ways of



fetching water. There are some pumps; some water comes from tanks as well as directly from rivers. The people of Kivumu fetch water using small or big jerry cans. Mostly the young have to fetch water in the morning and in the evening. In Kivumu no one has water in the house like the people in the cities. But some people from far away carry their water on bicycles, like the people from the small village Cyanika.

MAIZE

Esperence Mukanubaha, Tailoring Section

In Rwanda the cultivating of maize plays a very important role in fighting poverty and hunger. We use it for baking bread, cooking posho, and eat it fresh, dried or roasted, it is called "Impungure". It develops those who cultivate it, and also the country in general.



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LIFE OF CHILDREN IN THE VILLAGE

Esperence Mukanubaha, Tailoring Section



The children from the village (here: Kamonyi) live in a different way. Some are so poor that they can't afford to get the necessary school material. But all try to make the best out of their life even if they are not as successful as they would want to be.

COFFEE

Angelique Nyiramuhire, Tailoring Section

Coffee is one of the most important plants for the development in Rwanda. It is one of the most important export goods. Among the coffee planted all over the world, the Rwandan coffee is the first in the world. Those who plant coffee will never be hungry and the parents can pay the school fees for their children.



MPUSHI HILL

Angelique Nyiramuhire, Tailoring Section



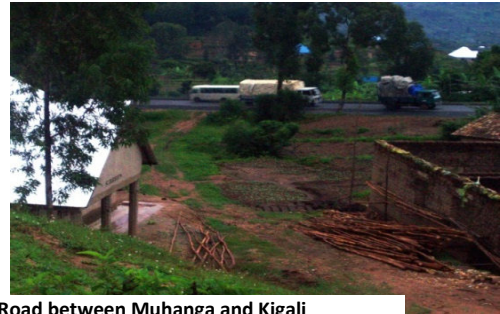
On Mpushi hill, there are people, plants and big stones etc. And there is one place (On the photo you see the way to that place.), where a King of Rwanda travelled to and left the sign of his foot where he had stayed. We call it "Ikirenze Cya Ruganzu" (Ruganzu's foot). There is also a place where the King rested when he was talking to his people and where he kept some animals.

OUR ROAD TO KIGALI

Felicite Twambazemariya, English Teacher

A long time ago the roads in Rwanda weren't as good as they are now. So the transport of people and all goods was a big challenge and many accidents happened. Cars could crash; motorcycle and bicycle drivers would fall and get hurt because of the many potholes on the unpaved roads. But now everywhere the road is so beautiful. So now for example from Kigali to Muhanga and vice versa lorries can make our lives easier by carrying our

goods and packages. Taxis, busses, motorcycles and bicycles also help us to move anywhere between those two cities. So now we don't have any problem because the road is very nice and



Road between Muhanga and Kigali

safe. Even the number of death through accidents has been reduced compared to the time before the tarmac roads. Even the traffic police try to work seriously forbidding the drivers to drive in high speed.

The roads are of great importance to the people living outside the capital and the other towns because now moving and travelling are easy and not expensive. We are happy because we feel close to our capital. The distance from Muhanga to Kigali is around 50 km and you can reach it in around 45 minutes without paying more than 900 Rwf. So I can say: Welcome to Muhanga. Transport is fantastic here!

AGRICULTURE IN RWANDA

Leoncie Mukanyandwi, Mathematics Teacher

Crop Farming:

Agriculture is an activity done by many people in Rwanda especially in the villages. In the past agriculture was done with traditional methods. By now the population of our country puts more



modern methods of agriculture in action like: Only plant one crop in one field or by using chemical fertilizers and pesticides. That way they can increase their harvest. The Rwandan population cultivates not only

bananas, sweet potatoes and coffee, but also cassava, beans, peas etc. All those crops facilitate families to fight against poverty and hunger.

Animal Breeding/Animal Husbandry:

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The Rwandan population is also breeding domestic animals like goats and pigs to fulfill their needs. Pigs are kept and bred by a high number of Rwandan people, although in certain religions

the consumption of pork meat is forbidden. But the others like to keep pigs because they reproduce very quickly and give meat that is very delicious.

FOOD

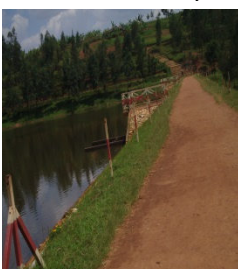
Immaculee Iyambaje, *Secretary*

Everybody everywhere needs food to survive. The difference is the quality and quantity of food people have access to. Here in Kivumu our daily food is composed of beans, cassava and sweet potatoes. I guess we are eating a lot more beans than in another country. When a family doesn't have a sack of beans at home and a piece of land with sweet potatoes (see photo) it feels bad (hungry). Rice, meat, Irish potatoes we use to eat them when we have a big feast, like Christmas, Easter, New Year, a baptism of one of the members of the family, marriage etc. We eat that kind of food maybe 6 times a year on average. So beans, sweet potatoes, and cassava are a very important food in our society. I just wonder how much quality it has for our good health. And I wish for our society that once we will all get enough meat, eggs etc. in order to improve the composition for our diet.



THE MISIZI STORAGE LAKE

Grace Uwamariya, *Tailoring Section*



The Mizizi Storage Lake is located in Muhanga district close to Muhanga town in Shyogwe sector. That place is very lovely so many people come from far, they come to visit it and they like to take photos around it. But it's not

only that. Some people who live in the area can fish those small fish living in the lake and get a delicious sauce out of it. There are also the traditional boats that help the people to cross the lake and to fish.

This artificial lake plays a big role in agriculture. It helps to water the rice that is being cultivated in the valley below the lake. They also fetch



water there to use them in building and to water their gardens. In brief the Misizi Storage Lake has a great importance for all people who know it, but especially for those living near it.

CHICKEN'S STORY

Adolphine Umuhaza, *Tailoring Section*



A chicken is a small farm animal which gives products every day. When it has eaten enough food, it produces many eggs. So the eggs are very important for the human health, especially for babies and children. They produce them as a special meal. But

then we also use eggs as a effective medicine against cough: We mix eggs with lemon and honey. When you drink that, you will be better soon. In brief, chicken play a big role in our daily life.

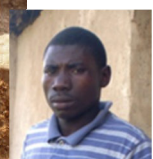
BUILDING AN UNDERGROUND WATER TANK

Theogene Macumu, *Building Section*

First of all, it is necessary to dig a hole in the soil which has the needed measurements. Here in Musengo we dig a hole for the tank with the



students of the second year



building. The hole has the following dimension: width 16 m, length 20 m, depth 3 m. The water

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tank is dug by the students because it is a good place for improving their building practice of building stone walls and using some different concrete. And as you can see on the photo, they

are feeling happy because of the knowledge they gain.



THE AUTHORS (and the editor)

GOOD BYE



No one can do everything, but
everyone can do something.