Your Letter

Child's Name: Nyiransengimana Divine

Child's Number: RW3640014

Sponsor Number: 2350028

Translation

Please leave this side blank for translation.

(Please continue on the other side if you need more space.)

Releasing children from poverty
Compassion
in Jesus' name

(Please do not detach.)

Send entire form to "Compassion International", Colorado Springs, CO 80997

Take time today to write to your sponsored child!

- We encourage you to use this convenient form; you may wish to make photocopies of it for future letters. If, however, you use your own stationery, be sure to write your sponsored child's number and your sponsor number at the top.
- Correspondence tips and guidelines are listed on the other side. Please remember that we review each letter and any enclosed materials for consistency with our guidelines. We reserve the right to decline to send communications that are, in our opinion, inappropriate.
- Please type or print neatly to aid reading and translation.

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE **ZIP**

- Please leave the sections marked "translation" blank on both sides of this form.
- Thank you for writing! Your letters will establish a special relationship between you and the child you sponsor.
- If you wish to enclose a monetary gift for your sponsored child's birthday or other special occasions, please indicate below:

Gift amount enclosed $ _____
(between U.S.$10 and U.S.$25)

For: ☐ Birthday
☐ Other _____
☐ Christmas (Your Christmas gift will be combined with gifts from other sponsors and then shared equally with all Compassion children.)

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For Office Use Only:

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Make the most of writing to your child!

1. **Keep your letters simple.** Write about things your sponsored child will understand, such as family, pets, hobbies and activities. Encourage your child's learning activities and relationship with the Lord.
2. **Emphasize things you have in common.** As time goes on, you'll discover shared interests, perhaps a favorite school subject or a love of music. Because of your significance in the life of the child you sponsor, these common interests will enhance the child's self-esteem. (Please avoid discussing material possessions, which will emphasize differences.)
3. **Send pictures of yourself and your family.** Such photographs will become prized possessions. Because dress standards may be different in your child's country, please dress modestly. (Beach attire, for example, is not suitable for these photographs.)
4. **Send postcards of where you live and places you've visited.** Postcards are fun (and educational) for your sponsored child. Help us safeguard your family's privacy, however; please do not include your specific home or work addresses anywhere in your correspondence.
5. **Flat paper items are the only things we can forward to your sponsored child.** Bookmarks, pages from coloring books, photos and postcards are all acceptable. Items such as jewelry — or anything that changes the shape of the envelope — are usually confiscated by customs officials in other countries.
6. **Please do not send communications inconsistent with the Christian values and philosophy we share with our partnering churches.** We minister to children in the context of local churches that share a common evangelical statement of faith. Please do not send communications, photos or materials, such as sexually explicit materials or comments condoning sexual relationships outside of the heterosexual marriage covenant, that are inconsistent with these shared beliefs and values. For more information on our ministry approach, please visit our web site at www.compassion.com.

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