

## Africa New Life Ministries Update

# Orchards Home



Confidence (pictured far right) is the house mother of the Orchards Home. Her role is to be a mother, or "auntie", as she is called, to these 16 children, comforting them when they are sad, taking them to the doctor when they are sick, and helping them grow into mature adults. She also cares for their spiritual needs and instruction, praying with them and leading them to pray not only for their sponsors, but for us as a church as well.

During the day the children attend New Life Christian Academy. The older children return home at 4 pm, while the younger ones only attend for half a day. Evening are spent playing, doing small chores, or studying, either at the home, or with help in the classrooms that are located right next to the home. Most of the children in the home have lost one or both parents to AIDS and were living with older siblings, relatives, or community members who were unable to adequately support them.



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The latest picture of the Orchard Home

**O**rchards Community Church has partnered with Africa New Life Ministries in their work to build into Rwanda's future. In addition to many individuals participating in the child sponsorship program, Orchards took the opportunity to build a home and provide ongoing support for some of Rwanda's nearly 600,000 orphans.

"The Orchard Home", named such to help establish a relationship between the church and children in the home, was completed in summer 2008 and is located on ANLM's campus in Kayonza, a rural village of about 10,000 nearly 40 miles east of Kigali, Rwanda's capital.

The home is grouped with six other similarly structured homes, next to the school buildings and dining hall of New Life Christian Academy. The dining hall serves children all of their meals: this method keeps building and operational costs down and reduces the house mother's workload so she can focus on caring for the kids.



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