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a place where you will receive all the love & care a mother would give.



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spring has SPRUNG.

The rainy season this year has brought new growth to Imbabazi in many areas! Thanks to the dedication of our Imbabazi gardeners and field workers, we've been able to double the size of our agricultural plots. We anticipate a very successful harvest in June this year and many more harvests to come. Our gardens are looking in top shape, vibrant and full of color, as we prepare for many guests to visit during the high tourist season this upcoming year.



feature story:

a preschool sprouts.

For the past two years, Imbabazi has undergone changes mandated by the government to reunify our children back with families. This past year, we were able to successfully finish our reunification goals. With the orphanage closing, Imbabazi faced a new challenge of how to continue Roz's wish to further help children within the Mudende community. It is with much anticipation and excitement that we are able to move forward in launching a new Pre-School using our former orphanage buildings!



We are currently renovating the former dormitories into Pre-School friendly classrooms and anticipate our Grand Opening within the next few months. By providing English lessons, early childhood educational and developmental programs, interactive activities, and lessons in nutrition, hygiene, farming and social skills, it is our goal to provide the children of our village with introductory learning skills prior to entering primary school at age 7.

In launching the Imbabazi Pre-School, it is our desire to continue Roz's legacy of helping the children in our community. We are extremely excited to offer this program!

opening shop.



With the goal of providing goods and necessities to the people of the village at a cost affordable to them, Imbabazi opened a community shop earlier this February. The *Imbabazi Shop* is able to sell products that have been donated to us or that we no longer have use for at a very reasonable prices. All profits go

to the Pre-School Fund, so both the community and Imbabazi benefit from the *Imbabazi Shop*!

report: A+

As our children's marks came back this past term, we couldn't be happier to report on their successes. High scores all around and we are so proud of Bahati GATEMBO, who

finished his secondary education at the top of his class, and was ranked first in his national exam scores! Bahati hopes to continue his education at University this coming fall.

Also this past February, our second University graduate, Jean Remy Imanizabayo successfully obtained his Bachelor's degree in rural development from ULK.



Most recently, three of our children were able to complete the Gucutsa program and finished their course as certified welders. It's always exciting to watch our children conquer the challenges they face as orphaned children and grow up to lead successful, independent lives.

a fundraising effort.

This March, "A Fundraising Dinner" was held in Kigali to announce the vision of our Pre-School and encourage the guests in attendance (including many international diplomats, businesspeople and Rwandan supporters) to be a part of the mission moving forward. Long standing friends of Imbabazi, including the evening's sponsor, Jonathon Hall of Bralirwa, and others only hearing about us for the first time, learned about Imbabazi's history from one of our former orphans, learned about our current activities and our vision for the Pre-School. With the support of our guests, the evening was a great success in raising funds for the Pre-School's launch this spring.

If you would like to be a part of Imbabazi's mission & support the launch of our Pre-School, please make a contribution by logging onto our website at www.imbabazi.org or contact us as detailed below.

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