

Rukomo St Anne School, Rwanda

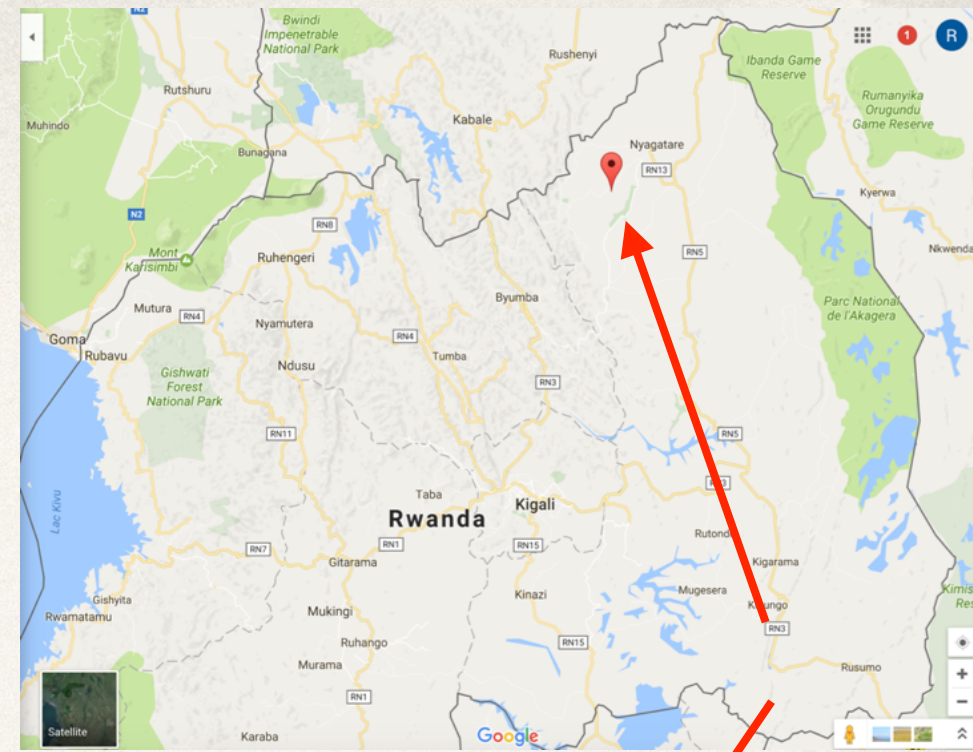
Coup de Pouce humanitaire, Rukomo group 2 (Jan 22 - Feb 3, 2017):

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22nd January - 3rd February 2017

Rukomo, Rwanda



- “Coup de Pouce humanitaire”
www.cddepouce.com/ organizing short-term missions to help in very poor regions all over the world
- Our mission was participating in construction of 2 buildings in St Anne Primary School, in Rukomo, Rwanda
- Funding provided by partners and donors was used to employ local workers and to buy building material at place
- 13 volunteers left the comfort of Europe on their expenses to help directly at place...

*Where do you come from?
(a bit more to the North, close to Uganda,
actually)*

... finding a very warm welcome everywhere in the country of
“Mille colines” (*amazing landscapes, isn't it?*)



Karibu a Rukomo, Welcome in Rukomo *muzungu*

- Chaleures welcome by local Rwandan people, *soyez bienvenu, beievenu...*



Maternity school



- Hello, my friend!
- Ca va? — Ca va bien.
- How are you? — I'm fine, thank you.
- Amakuru? — Ni meza.



Primary school



Beginning of school day



... and school is over!!



Construction works



Muzungo!



Construction works

Efficient collective work, merci Bruno! On n'est pas fatigüe. — Morananiwe.



Construction works



Day Zero for our group (Sunday 22nd Jan)



Last day, Friday 3rd Feb



And we ended like a big family



Not everybody has chance to attend school, unfortunately



More places at school may help to increase education level of the whole nation

From the fields to downtown Rukomo



Very touching experience of still smiling Rwandan people, despite the extremely high poverty



Street



Little big “Coup de Pouce”
conversations
*What’s your name? And your sister’s?
How are you? Ca-va?*

Street



“Little coup de pouce” games



Do you like this particular Coupe de Pouce project?

- If you want to know anything more, you can contact the Chefs of our mission (laurent.daudet69@gmail.com, vero.jacquesson@gmail.com), or myself (rchabinio@gmail.com). We would happily discuss any questions, or help to connect you with responsible persons in the “Coupe de Pouce humanitaire organization”, or directly with the responsible person in Rukomo
- If you like the project of Rukomo school so much that you would consider supporting it financially, you can use the crowdfunding site using the link below, or directly make a donation to Coupe de Pouce / Rukomo (especially when the crowdfunding is closed). Any contribution would be very welcome. Note that the entire sum raised is used for salary of local workers and building material, while volunteers are traveling on their expenses.
- Rukomo — one of the poorest parts of Rwanda — in addition this year suffers from an unusually extremely dry period. This worsens the situation in this rural region, as the unemployment is strongly affected. This project has therefore truly multiple-parallel benefits.

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Extra photo mamince

- Afterschool workshop of photography



Next time, you may see also myself putting some bricks together and doing some actual work, as I have some candidates to replace me behind camera