

Your Gift of Grace

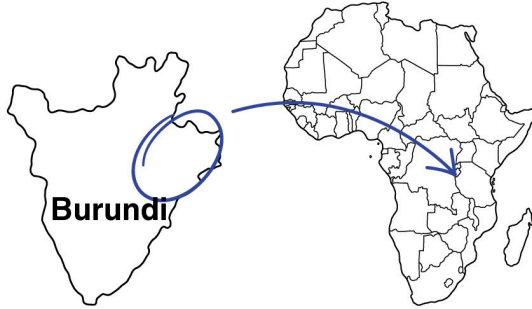
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Your gift of 15 **Avocado Tree saplings** supports families to grow healthy food, and sell extra for income!

Your Gift of Grace delivered in:

Cankuzo and Ruyigi provinces, Burundi



<i>What you give</i>	15 Avocado Trees + Training in farming
<i>Why your help is needed</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burundi is one of the 20 countries most impacted by climate change • Major problem for livelihoods and food security: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 84% of people are farmers ◦ Area where you work provides 95% of Burundi's food supply • Families very vulnerable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ More than half of all children are malnourished ◦ Women are more vulnerable: don't get inheritance nor access to land ◦ Plots of land are small ◦ Lack of knowledge on climate-friendly farming = low yields ◦ High risk of natural disasters, like flooding
<i>How your gift changes lives</i>	Your Avocado Trees means families can grow healthy food. PLUS: training in climate-friendly farming techniques means the environment is protected AND families get higher yield... ...which means excess crops can be sold at market for income!
<i>Your gift delivered by</i>	LWF Burundi



"I enjoy putting into practise what I learned in my field and then seeing the results. I share my knowledge with others. It makes me proud when their crops also improve.

I thank the donors for their support and tools and knowledge I received. Now I can provide for my family better."

Gervais Niyomagara, Burundi

CASE STUDY

“Now it is much better!”

“My name is Gervais Niyomagara. I received 15 trees. The trees are still small now, but will start giving fruit in 2-3 years.

Avocado trees are beneficial nutritionally.

They will also grow together as my children grow and in the future they will have something good to eat.

To plant the trees we dig a big hole, then we mix compost and manure and soil and put it in the hole with the tree. We look after the tree and give it water.

I received many trainings in agriculture from LWF. This makes me improve my knowledge and produce better and more crops.

After my training, I supported other farmers who received plants.

I give them instructions on how to plant and look after the trees. I enjoy supporting others like this.

Because I improved with my trainings and used the modern techniques, LWF chose me to become a seed multiplier.

I also became a model farmer for modern farming techniques, so now I can advise others on how to do it. I go with them and show them how to do it.

Before LWF started to work in this community, I was already a farmer ...

... but I didn't use the modern farming techniques, so my crops were only small.

Then I learned to plant in rows and how to use manure and fertilizer.

After I harvested my beans, one part was used for seeds for next season and the rest we ate.

Now it is much better! Now I have enough to eat and to sell.”



How your gift grows

The great thing about your gift is it keeps on giving for many years!



Through ALWS, you support people to **keep on growing**. Along with your avocado trees, you empower people in Burundi in other ways, like raising chickens, building a house, and even starting a soap-making business!



ALWS also follows a **community-based empowerment approach**. This means giving people the training and support to make their own decisions about the development in their community. They have responsibility for the activities, and grow the confidence needed to become self-sufficient.

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