

# The Source

APRIL 2008

## 10 Opportunities for you to get involved.

1. Impact an entire classroom of children as a committed monthly donor.
2. Donate to build a new dual purpose facility for hosting our teacher training initiatives and eventually providing classrooms for the Wellspring Academy Secondary School.
3. Ride in the Ben Farrant Memorial Cyclathon as part of Team Wellspring.
4. Volunteer in the Cyclathon as part of the Pit Crew.
5. Help organize a screening of Rwanda: Hope Rises.
6. Help load a 40 ft. container with building supplies.
7. Volunteer for a year as a Primary School Teacher with the Wellspring Academy.
8. Spend two weeks in Rwanda this summer (between July 12 and August 10th) as a computer teacher.
9. Connect your school, church, or business community with a school in Rwanda.
10. Host a deck party and invite your friends to learn more about what Wellspring is doing in Rwanda.

## Get Involved.

This month's newsletter gives you 10 tangible ways you can use your time, talent, and treasure to help Wellspring empower a new generation in Rwanda. If you have not already, would you bless Rwanda by choosing at least one of these ten.

### Impact an entire classroom of students.



For just \$70/month you can impact up to 100 students in a Rwandan classroom by empowering their teacher and school leadership through the Whole School Development Program. That is a less than \$1 per student each month. Check out our website to see profiles of each school and learn how to donate.

### Build a new dual purpose facility.

The foundation is now laid for our new dual purpose facility, which will provide offices and training space for the Whole School Development Program for two years, and then become part of the Wellspring Academy Secondary School. We need help raising \$15,500 to complete construction. Consider donating \$100, \$200, \$500, or even \$1000 to help purchase roofing materials, buy doors and windows, or put on ceilings, plaster and paint.

### Join Team Wellspring in this year's Cyclathon.



We are still welcoming you to join our growing team of 27 cyclists, who will bike 200 miles from Seattle to Portland on July 12 and 13th, in honor of Benjamin Farrant. Our team will seek to raise \$50,000 towards a second training facility for the Whole School Development Program.

### Volunteer as part of the Pit Crew.

If you are not up to the 200 mile challenge but would still like to support this year's cyclathon, consider volunteering as part of the Pit Crew. You will help provide support to our riders by making food, taking pictures, setting up camp, and welcoming them into the finish line. Contact [barb@thewellspringfoundation.com](mailto:barb@thewellspringfoundation.com) for more details.

### Help organize a screening of Rwanda: Hope Rises.



Director Trevor Meier and Wellspring are looking for help to organize screenings of the new documentary, Rwanda: Hope Rises, this fall. If you live in Vancouver, Bellingham, Seattle, Portland, Edmonton, Calgary, Toronto, or Ottawa, and would like be part of bringing people out to see this extraordinary new film, please contact Richard Taylor

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[www.thewellspringfoundation.com](http://www.thewellspringfoundation.com)



## PRAYER REQUESTS

April 6th marks the 14th anniversary of the Rwandan genocide. Please pray for the survivors.

Recent changes in government have complicated the delivery of our training programs. Pray for wisdom as we make adjustments.

It has been a very difficult quarter financially. Pray for God's continued provision for our ministry.

## THIS MONTHS BLOG ENTRIES

**The Story Behind The Walls by Jodi Komant**

**Almost Heaven by Jodi Komant**

## Help Load a 40 ft. container with building supplies.



Volunteers in Vernon, British Columbia recently received a donated 40 ft. container from Barry Siebenga of Big Steel Box and have started filling it with needed supplies like plywood, white boards, and basketball hoops for the schools where Wellspring works. The project is already underway. If you think you can help please contact Gerry Malnis directly at [gerandshirl@shaw.ca](mailto:gerandshirl@shaw.ca)

## Volunteer for a year as a Primary School Teacher.

The Wellspring Academy has an opening for a capable primary school teacher to teach Grade 5 for the 2009 school year. You will have the opportunity to work alongside a gifted Rwandan staff and administration in helping the Academy invest in future Rwandan leaders. Please contact Yvonne Dyer at [yvonne@thewellspringfoundation.com](mailto:yvonne@thewellspringfoundation.com) for more details.

## Spend Two weeks in Rwanda as a Computer Teacher.

Wellspring is looking for a short term volunteer with a background in computers to train Wellspring Academy teachers in basic computer skills for two weeks between July 12th and August 10th during the school holidays. Please contact Jodi Komant at [jodi@thewellspringfoundation.com](mailto:jodi@thewellspringfoundation.com) for more details.

## Connect your school, church, or business community with a school in Rwanda.

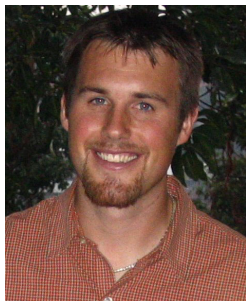
Wellspring wants to link schools, businesses, and church communities in North America in an intentional relationship with each of our school communities in Rwanda. Wellspring would facilitate the relationship, including providing frequently updated communication, managing funds and providing accountability, making each partner community aware of specific needs, and helping coordinate any mission or vision trips to Rwanda. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact Richard Taylor at [richard@thewellspringfoundation.com](mailto:richard@thewellspringfoundation.com).

## Host a Summer Deck Party.

Invite friends over for a fun barbeque and summer deck party and highlight Wellspring in the process. This casual environment is a great way for people to talk about what matters to them and learn more about what God is doing in Rwanda without the pressure of a formal presentation.

## A PARTING THOUGHT

By Richard Taylor



In a music video reprise of the song **Hurt**, an elderly and clearly ill Johnny Cash, plays his piano while reflecting back on his life and accomplishments. *"What have I become? My sweetest friend. Everyone I know goes away in the end. And you could have it all. My empire of dirt. I will let you down. I will make you hurt."* His familiar deep voice, now shaky, is the backdrop to images from his career, people he knows who have died, the flood damaged Johnny Cash museum, and a smashed platinum record. *If I could start again, a million miles away, I would keep myself. I would find a way.* Now flash images of Jesus on the cross and his nail torn hands, a clear comparison between Cash's fading *Empire of Dirt* and the Kingdom that will Never End.

This week, we remember the 14th anniversary of the Rwandan genocide. Three months ago I stood with a dear friend, one of the only surviving members of her family, looking out over their former land. Her father and eight brothers and their wives and children used to live together here in a near idyllic setting. They had plentiful crops and good houses. Today most of them are dead, the houses are gone, and the land sits uninhabited. Weeds grow in the foundation of her former house. Destroyed by their own people. Their neighbors. *I will let you down. I will make you hurt.*

Life on this earth is temporary and often so tragic. We strive hard to build our empires, only to see them eventually fade away or come crashing down. If we try to find our own way, if we try to make our own path, we may achieve temporary notoriety and fame. We may even be loved or idolized by others, but everything will go away in the end. After three short years of ministry, Jesus left no physical possessions, and only a few hundred followers, and yet his Kingdom has revolutionized the world. If we follow his path, we can have confidence he will transform our efforts to make them eternally significant.