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Mission in action >>>>

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From the founders...

As we step forward into 2013, I encourage you to remain engaged. We are expanding both our international and domestic efforts to serve the most vulnerable, and we need your support in order to do so.

Our African partnerships remain robust. In 2013 we are expanding the work in Rwanda and as discussed in the left column, we will conduct a national visit to Burundi to build upon what we’ve already achieved during 2012.

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A Second Nurse

By the end of 2011, patients referrals were increasing, Grace was in need of another nurse. HWB completed a clinical trip 2011 and returned with a plan to increase grant support to allow for a second nurse. Donors mobilized the call and by March 2012 Grace was able to add a second nurse (Phoebe), shown here tending a patient. Her team also included 13 volunteer village workers, who annual-regular training held by the Rwandan team and the HWB team. In 2012 this small but growing group of committed individuals compiled over 700 home visits, an effort only possible because of the support of the HWB community.

A Center of Excellence

With over 2 years of experience and 500 local providers trained, Grace and her team are partnering with Kigali hospital located in Kagha. Together they have become center of excellence in palliative care: a model for all of Rwanda to follow. HWB donors have been an integral part of supporting this evolving service.

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The Rwanda Story

In 2008, with a small stipend of seed money and the promise of future funding, Grace Mukanguranga began a small home care program. Using public transport and manage nursing supplies she brought hope to those suffering and stayed there. Within a few months of starting she met David Slack (M.D) and the HWB partnership was born.

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