



RWANDAN COFFEE

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A whirlwind of horror swept through Rwanda. As destructive as any natural disaster, the genocide pitted brother against brother, killing over one million people in 100 days. Widows, orphans, and families were left to pick up the pieces of their broken lives. Yet this same land that has seen so much hatred now bears witness to amazing stories of reconciliation and forgiveness. WAR, Int'l's partners enter into this process of restoration by paying Rwandan coffee farmers a fair wage, approximately 4.5 times more than other coffee companies. In addition, a portion of the profits fund microloans for at-risk women, providing stability in the midst of turmoil and empowering them to invest in their families and communities. Now, instead of hatred, a spirit of grace, forgiveness, and redemption is sweeping through Rwanda.



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COUNTRY: RWANDA • PROGRAM: MICRO-ENTERPRISE

Clementine and Jean

Clementine and her siblings were forced into hiding. Neighbors risked their lives to shield the five children from the horror of the genocide. Still they were not spared from the bloodshed. Clementine's father and three siblings died along with hundreds of thousands of other Tutsis. After their deaths, a church came alongside Clementine, helping her overcome her anger and bitterness. When Jean approached Clementine and confessed that he had killed her family members, Clementine did the seemingly impossible: she forgave him. The government gave Clementine and Jean adjacent land to grow coffee. Today they work the land together, sharing the burdens, the benefits, and a profound story of grace and forgiveness. Clementine and Jean have even begun caring for an orphan whose family was killed by Jean. In the midst of a region torn apart by hatred and cruelty, these three live a powerful story of freedom, grace, and reconciliation.



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