



FOCUS
 EDUCATIONAL, ECONOMIC
 & SPIRITUAL

LOCATION
 KIGALI, RWANDA

LEADER
 PETE ANDREWS

OUR MINIMUM ANNUAL TARGET
 £5500

The skills training centre in Kigali has progressively developed and expanded over the last few years. It is housed in a new and well equipped building and embraces training in the following practical skills; welding, carpentry, electrical, construction, tailoring, catering and hairdressing. Over 100 young people, for whom further education is not appropriate, attend the centre each day. The courses normally run for one year although there are, in certain circumstances, opportunities to train for two years. Apart from the practical skills detailed above all students receive further training in English, maths and computing. The Rwandan economy has developed significantly in the recent past and there are real opportunities for those who are equipped with a practical skill to find meaningful employment.

Pete Andrews, who is the driving force behind the centre, initially went to Rwanda with Tearfund to teach motor mechanics in the 1980s. He returned on the invitation of the Inkuru Nziza church leaders to help in the development of various projects. After the genocide Pete was the first westerner to return to Rwanda and re-established his relationship with the church leaders as they dealt with the fallout from the genocide by developing a large widows and orphans project. Pete spends several months a year in Rwanda and a key focus for him is the skills training centre.

