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Dear Mr. Seymour,

I am so happy with the work that we have accomplished on this project. I can not express how changed I feel thanks to you and The Heritage Institute's work in Burundi. I can honestly say that before this project I had no idea what was happening in Burundi or, even, in actuality that Burundi was a country. Looking back I feel so ignorant, but I have come to realize this is the general problem in America's schools. I am so grateful for this opportunity to help out.

Without you and all of your generous time and funding, this project would never have been possible. I am amazed that so few could accomplish so much. I know that this project has truly brought out the best in me and I feel an overwhelming gratitude to you and Prosper. Living in America people take so many simple things for granted and thanks to this project I have really been able to step back and reflect on just how many things I have been so blessed with and just how much these families and individuals in Burundi and Rwanda have lost. Any way I can help, I am working to make a difference.

I just would like to say thank you from the bottom of my heart. I can't imagine anyone better to lead this project and no one could have inspired us more. You have done a truly amazing thing in Skyview and Vancouver and I believe the world. I know that now that the situation is getting more attention people are going to start to care more. I work at a movie store and in our "screener" that shows the movies coming out; it shows a scene from "Hotel Rwanda". When the photographer is speaking with Paul, I believe, Paul says that once people see the situation it will make a difference because it is so bad. And the photographer looks at him and says that yes they will see it on the news and be sad, and say that is horrible and then they will go back to eating their dinner. Every time I see that part I actually cry. I will never understand people who see and don't care. I have seen the pictures and heard the stories thanks, in majority, to you and I cannot turn away. I want to do everything I can to help. And I know that I wouldn't have been able to help as much as I have if it hadn't been for you and your generosity and compassion. Thank You again.

Sincerely,


Kelly Kolke-Sakryd