



## Emmanuel Mutangana



Emmanuel Mutangana, a former sponsored child, shares about his personal experience with World Vision.

Born to a Rwandan family, Emmanuel spent his childhood in Uganda where his parents settled after fleeing ethnic violence in their homeland. His father was killed by criminals in Kampala, which left Emmanuel's mother alone to raise him and his five siblings without a source of income. As Emmanuel faced the possibility of quitting his education at age 13 to work and help his family, World Vision staff workers visited his school to offer help. Soon, he and his brothers were sponsored and were able to continue their education. Emmanuel then earned a scholarship to finish secondary school.

“All my educational pursuits are blessings. World Vision paid for our tuition and we stayed in school. I have never met my sponsor, but they sponsored me for three years and I learned to take a new course in life. I learned English. I learned to forgive my father's killers.”

Once receiving help from World Vision's child sponsorship program, he continued his education in the United States. Today he is working toward his Master's degree in International Business Administration at Georgetown University; he is also a Ph.D. candidate there. In January 2008, Emmanuel was ordained as a Reverend Emmanuel Mutangana, in Georgia at HopeWell Baptist Church in Gainesville-GA. Emmanuel was also chosen on the 12 member committee for the Rwanda Embassy on education sector.

Emmanuel learned to play piano soon after he was first sponsored, and has been known to conclude his presentations with stirring improvisations on the piano. He says, “The greatest life is one lived for others. I want to encourage you to make a difference.”

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