

for children

# hello

## BURUNDI

How do you greet someone in Kirundi?



# amahoro

(Say ah-mah-HOE-row) (Amahoro means peace but is frequently used as a greeting.)



**My name is Bernice Iteriteka.**

**Age: 10**

**Lives in: Gaterama, Rutana, Burundi**

I live with my papa and mama and my two brothers and my sister.

In the mornings I wake up about 6 and take a shower and get dressed. After I eat breakfast, I take my books and go to school. At 12:45, I go back home and eat lunch.

Then I go fetch water and go out to find firewood. When that is done, I help to cook our dinner and our family eats. I like cooking the best of my chores because it is easy to cook.

Of the food my parents grow, I like the bananas the best because they are so sweet. We boil them, and we eat them with beans.

(Bernice's parents are part of an MCC-supported agriculture project and a sav-

ings groups where they save money and can take out loans.) Now my parents save money. They have started planting pineapple, and they use mulch in their fields. I'm happy because my parents now give me new clothes.

**What I want to be: a teacher**

**My favorite food: rice**





**My favorite subject: math**

### Adding up the savings





When farmers have little extra money, how does a savings group help? Basically, it adds up. Even if each member can only save a few dollars a month, that still equals a lot more than people could save on their own.

And then families can use loans from the group to start new businesses or to begin to raise a new crop or chickens or goats they can sell.








**X**

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You save \$1 per week for 52 weeks \$52 per year


**X**

**X**

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You and 3 friends each save \$1 per week for 52 weeks How much did your group save?


**X**

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You and 15 friends each save \$1 per week for 52 weeks How much did your group save?