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Off to boarding school – on the road in Rwanda.

Each year a new batch of students set off for a new life away from home in boarding school. Our students go to different schools depending on their level of achievement in the National Exams. Getting everything and everyone into the bus is a challenge as you will see!



Students must provide everything on a prescribed list which is different from each school but normally includes everything from toilet rolls, a specified number of pens, bedding, sometimes a mattress, soap, a bucket to be used for washing clothes etc There is no storage so all the possessions are kept in a metal box and school materials in a bag. It is a work of art getting everyone on board!



Our first drop – off with Francoise her daughter and niece.

There are a fair few hours on the road to come, dropping off students at different places.

The rainy season is almost upon us now so people are busy in the fields preparing the ground for sowing.

There are large fields but also small family plots.



Shops, bars, houses, different forms of transport can be seen along the road. New markets have been constructed replacing the traditional markets which were in the open air. Motorbike and push - bike taxis wait for customers at junctions where buses drop of passengers.



Rice and other crops including wood for cooking and more recently new terracing has been constructed in an effort to contain the land and prevent landslips.



Along the road we see new houses being built beside the older ones and a place to buy airtime.



Our final destination, a school where there are a large number of our students.



A group of our students, parents and the headteacher.
We wish them success in their new adventure!

Wishing you peace, love and good health. Meg