

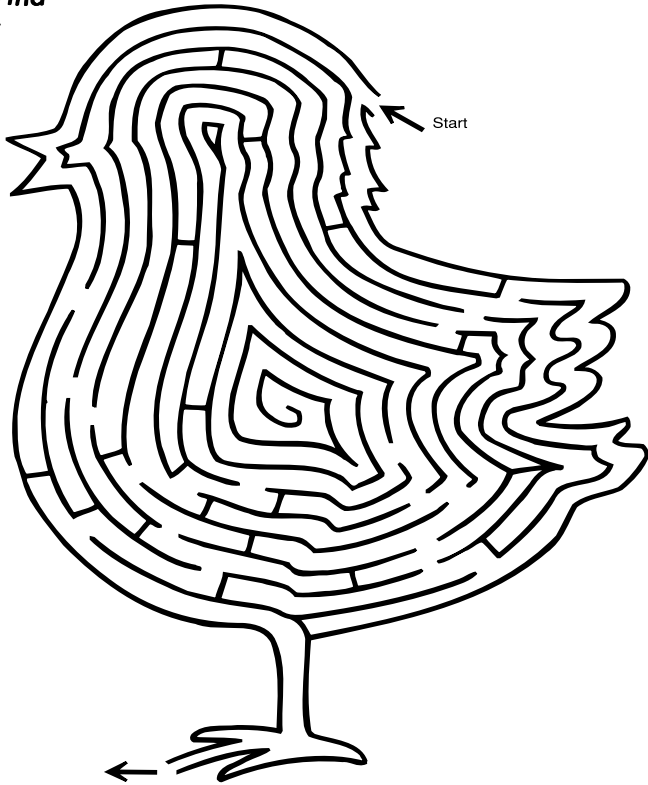
### Do the Thomas children have any pets?

Oh, do we have pets! Sometimes I feel like we live in a barnyard. We have a full grown dog, with a ridge on his back called Mokey. We have a new little golden lab puppy who is cute as can be and we have a cat, who is not in the least bit fond of the dogs. Did you know that you can't buy cat or dog food here? We make it ourselves.

We also have 2 golden crested cranes (very large birds), who wonder around our yard and look. We make their food too. Then I have some pets. I really like chickens so I raise them. Right now I have 24 laying hens so we get our own eggs. I also have a good supply of chicken in the freezer from others I've raised. Our kids also like to catch bugs, toads and chameleons, which we usually keep for a few days before letting them go again.

## MAZE CRAZE

Can you find your way through this chicken maze? How many laying hens do the Thomas Family keep?

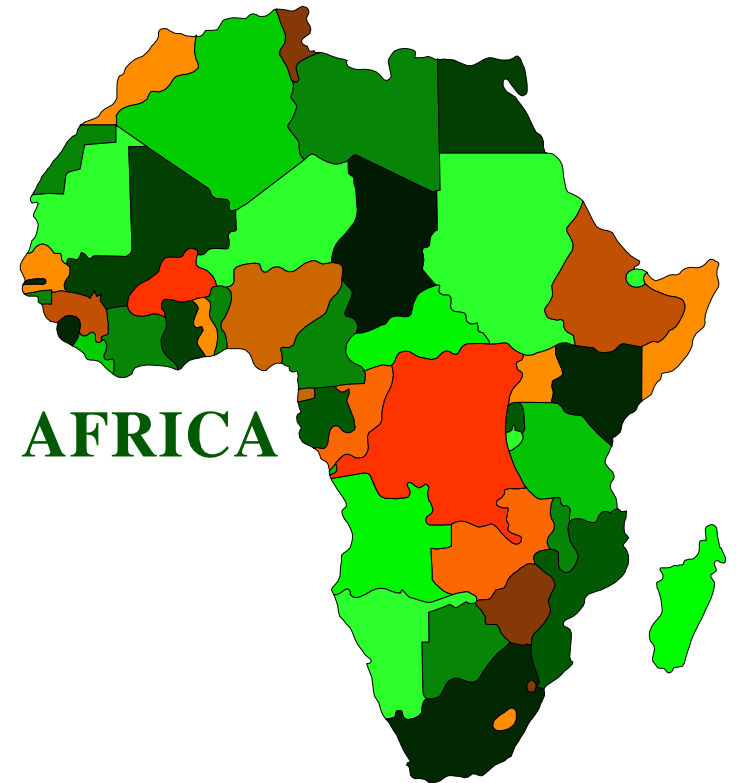


## EVANGELICAL FRIENDS

### MINISTERING IN

# Africa

## Activity Booklet!



AFRICA

**LET'S LEARN ABOUT CHILDREN  
IN RWANDA FROM DEBBY THOMAS:**

**What do the kids in Rwanda eat?**

They eat a starch (potatoes, manioc root, or white sweet potatoes) with a vegetable over it (like cabbage, carrots, spinach, or beans)

**What food would be their favorite?**

Rwandans love meat. Most can only afford to have one or two small pieces per person every month or so. Across the board, meat would be the favorite.

**Do they get special treats?**

A special treat would be for a child to get to share a Fanta, or pop with a sibling. A pop can cost from 1/10 to 1/3 of a days wages, so it is a treat indeed.

**Do all children get to go to school?**

No. Many children's parents can't afford to send them to school. A child can go to primary school for about \$25 a year, so about 50% of the kids can go to primary school. But high school is very expensive. It can be from \$250 to \$400 dollars a year and many families don't even make that much in a year.

University is very rare.

**What games to they like to play?**

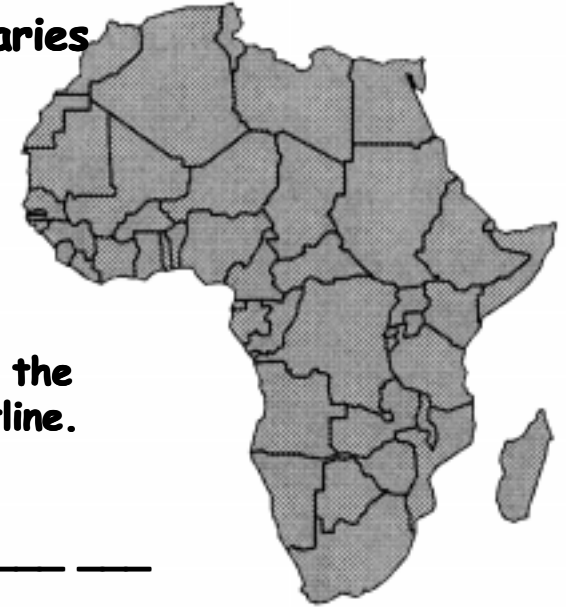
They like to play a game with clapping and jumping. I don't quite understand the game but they clap and jump very quickly. They also love to play soccer and can make their own balls by wrapping together old rags and plastic bags.

**What types of games do the Thomas children like to play?**

They love to run around outside and play all kinds of things like hunters, house, explorers, etc.

**We have missionaries  
in three  
countries in  
Africa.**

**Unscramble  
the name of  
each country and  
then draw a line to the  
correct country outline.**



1. D A N W R A

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2. R U N D B U I

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3. N Y K E A

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**Burundi**



**Kenya**



**Rwanda**

**LET'S PRAY**

**How can we pray for the Thomas children?**

Pray that the Thomas kids can grow up well 'in-between cultures'. They consider Rwanda to be their home in some ways, and the United States in other ways and yet neither is 100% home for them. When they are here they miss family in the states, and when they are in the states, they miss people and life here. Pray that they could be good students in school, and most of all that they would learn to love the Lord with all their hearts and walk in his ways.

**How we pray for the children of Rwanda?**

You can pray that the children of Rwanda will hear the word of God and that God's word would transform their hearts and lives so that they could be his children, and do his will.

**How can you encourage the Missionary Children in Africa?**

You can pray for them by name and write them notes of encouragement!

Here are the names and ages of our missionary kids in Africa:

**Gayla Laman lives in Kenya.** Her birthday is September 27, 1991

**Breanna Thomas lives in Rwanda.** Her birthday is May 2, 1995.

**Aren Thomas lives in Rwanda.** His birthday is September 15, 1996.

**Gwen Thomas lives in Rwanda.** Her birthday is October 1, 1998.

**Alandra Thomas lives in Rwanda.** Her birthday is January 28, 2002.