

EDEN'S CHILD Summer Youth Camp

August 17-22



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Worship,
Activities!

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Games,
and more!

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Theme: *Rooted in Bible, Rising in Christ*

General Introduction

The 5th Eden's Child Youth Camp 2025 was a transformative gathering of young people from across the country, held from 17th to 22nd August 2025 at Petit Séminaire Saint Baptiste Tabatabare. Organized by Eden Temple International.

This holistic camp provided a Spiritually enriching, economic and socially empowering environment where youth could learn, grow, and fellowship together. With the theme "Rooted in the Bible, rising in Christ" (Colossians 2:6-7), this year's camp sought to nurture participants to be firmly grounded in God's Word while equipping them to thrive in every aspect of life. The camp brought together 364 youth participants (Eden's Child), supported by 14 caretakers and a professional Nurse, for a holistic 5-days program of worship, discipleship, leadership training, and recreational activities.

More than just a gathering, the camp served as a safe space for accountability, reflection, mentorship, and community building. Through devotion, interactive workshops, sports, creative arts, and discussions on pressing youth issues, the program aimed to strengthen the spiritual foundation of young people while empowering them with life skills, values, and confidence to face today's challenges.

As the fifth edition, the 2025 camp built upon the legacy of previous camps, continuing Eden Temple International's vision to raise a generation that is bold in faith, strong in character, and ready to impact society positively.

Arrival & Induction

On the first day, children from all program sites arrived at Petit Séminaire Saint Baptiste Tabatabare and were warmly welcomed into the camp community. After enjoying lunch together, they registered, received room assignments, and settled in with distributed supplies including

blankets, shoes, hygiene materials, and t-shirts. The day closed with dinner and fellowship, setting a joyful tone for the days ahead.



Distribution (blankets, bed sheets, shoes, t-shirts and hygiene materials)

Each participant was provided with a complete package consisting of one blanket, one pair of bed sheets, one pair of shoes, a t-shirt, a toothbrush and toothpaste.



Welcome remark and briefing

Pastor John extended a warm welcome to all participants of the 5th Youth Focus Camp, expressing gratitude for their presence and commitment. He reminded them that the camp was a unique opportunity to learn, grow, and return home with a wealth of knowledge and experience. During his address, he introduced the new Bible radios donated by Dacia and Jim, emphasizing their crucial role in enriching Bible study during morning devotions and Saturday Bible Connect sessions. He explained how these tools would continue to support spiritual growth both at camp and beyond. Pastor John further encouraged the youth to remain attentive, open-hearted, and eager to learn throughout the program. He concluded by inspiring them to embrace the camp fully and make the most of this transformative journey.



Breaking into groups

To ensure effective management of participants and camp activities, twelve groups were formed and named after Bible characters such as Abraham, Joseph, Isaac, Daniel, Moses, Jeremiah, David, Noah, Solomon, Elisha, Elijah, and Joshua. This grouping system simplified coordination as distributions of materials and resources were carried out efficiently through the groups. It also strengthened participation in Bible study and devotions as kids used Bible radios during their group sessions, fostering fellowship, accountability, and spiritual growth among the youth. Each group was guided by a child team leader alongside an Eden's Child staff member, creating a balance of peer leadership and adult mentorship. Overall, the group structure promoted order, teamwork, and active engagement, greatly enhancing the impact and organization of the camp.



Government officials' Representatives

Huye District Vice Mayor

The 5th Eden's Child Youth Camp 2025 was officially opened by the Vice Mayor of Huye, who began by commending Eden Temple International for its valuable partnership and the opportunities it provides for Rwandan youth to learn and recognize their role in community transformation. He reminded the participants that they are the future leaders of Rwanda and encouraged them to seize every opportunity that contributes to building a better nation. Emphasizing that God should come first in all things, he urged the youth to remain grounded in faith as they grow in knowledge and leadership. He concluded by warmly welcoming all participants to Huye and assuring them that they are loved and valued.



Huye – District Police Commander

During the camp, the Huye Police led an engaging session focused on drug abuse, where participants asked insightful questions about the dangers of drug misuse and the positive role of

drugs in medicine. The officer highlighted the severe risks associated with substance abuse while clarifying the responsible use of drugs in healthcare. He further explained the government's constitutional framework on drug regulation and the penalties for misuse. This session provided the youth with critical knowledge to make informed choices and remain vigilant against the dangers of drug abuse.



Huye- Rwanda Investigation Bureau (RIB) Chief.

During the youth camp, the RIB officer highlighted human trafficking and gender-based violence, explaining the different forms of abuse and the government regulations addressing these crimes. He stressed the dangers of human trafficking and the importance of public awareness. Using real-life examples, he showed how victims are exploited—sometimes losing vital organs such as kidneys and hearts—under the false promise of jobs abroad. Participants were urged to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities to protect themselves and others.



Africa Evangelistic Enterprise (AEE)

During the youth camp, AEE Huye staff emphasized economic empowerment and the challenges of youth unemployment, encouraging participants to seize every opportunity, big or small. They highlighted the crucial role of saving groups, such as those under Eden's Child, in building financial skills, promoting entrepreneurship, and addressing unemployment. Some participants shared personal experiences of doing part-time work during holidays, including baking cakes and donuts, demonstrating how such initiatives foster self-reliance. The session underscored how saving groups can significantly impact the economy by equipping youth with practical skills and financial discipline.



Reproduction (body changes) and hygiene lessons

During the youth camp, Women's Empowerment Officer Chaquilla conducted a session on hygiene and bodily changes, focusing on proper use of sanitary pads and underwear care. She emphasized the importance of maintaining personal hygiene for health, confidence, and overall well-being. Participants were educated on how understanding and managing these changes fosters self-respect and prevents infections. The session highlighted that such knowledge is crucial for empowering girls to take charge of their health and navigate adolescence with dignity.



Praise and worship (devotion)

During the camp, participants engaged in praise and worship, lifting their hearts in song and reflection. Devotional sessions provided time for prayer, spiritual growth, and personal reflection, fostering a deeper connection with God. These moments inspired unity, gratitude, and a sense of purpose among all attendees.



Hot meals (Lunch, Dinner and Breakfast)

During the camp, participants were provided with hot, nutritious meals for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, ensuring their energy and health were well maintained throughout the activities. The meals offered balanced nutrition, supporting both physical well-being and active participation in camp programs. Sharing meals also created opportunities for fellowship and bonding among the youth. Overall, the provision of hot meals contributed significantly to the comfort, morale, and overall success of the camp experience.



Health and Medication

During the camp, health and medical support were provided to participants, with 24 children receiving treatment. Most cases involved common ailments such as coughing and headaches, while one child with asthma was effectively managed using an inhaler (commonly a metered-dose inhaler or MDI). No special or severe medical cases occurred, ensuring all participants remained healthy and able to fully engage in camp activities. The presence of medical support highlighted the importance of preparedness and prompt care for children's well-being.



Sports competitions (Basketball, Volleyball and Soccer)

During the camp, participants engaged in sports competitions including basketball, volleyball, and soccer, fostering teamwork, discipline, and healthy competition. Muhanga emerged victorious, winning first place in soccer and basketball and second runner-up in volleyball, while Huye took first place in volleyball and second runner-up in basketball, and Runda secured second runner-up in soccer. The awarding of winners celebrated their achievements and encouraged fair play. Overall, the sports events strengthened team spirit, camaraderie, and a sense of fellowship among all participants.





Talent Night and Cultural Activities

During the camp, a Talent Night and Cultural Art & Craft session allowed participants to showcase their diverse abilities, including singing, dancing, comedy, sketches, and creative craft making. Children expressed themselves freely, demonstrating both skill and creativity while celebrating their cultural heritage. The event highlighted the importance of nurturing talents as a way to build confidence, self-expression, and pride in one's abilities. Participants also learned to appreciate the gifts of others, fostering mutual respect and encouragement. Overall, the session emphasized that discovering and developing talents is crucial for personal growth and community cohesion.



Traditional dance



Sketch and comedy



Rwanda national heritage museum visit (Huye)

During the youth camp, participants visited the Rwanda Heritage National Museum, where they were immersed in the country's rich history and cultural legacy. They explored exhibits showcasing traditional artifacts, historical narratives, and Rwanda's unique heritage. The children also had hands-on experience with craft-making, learning techniques for creating traditional fabrics and appreciating the artistry behind them. This visit not only deepened their understanding of Rwanda's past but also inspired pride in their culture. The experience highlighted the importance of preserving heritage while encouraging creativity and learning through practical engagement.



Unforgettable fun moments

During the camp, Jim and Dacia created a surprising and joyful atmosphere by dressing up in chicken and giraffe costumes to celebrate participants' birthdays. Their playful antics brought laughter and excitement, especially for Aime Hirwa, a sponsored child, making the celebration even more special. These lighthearted moments fostered happiness, camaraderie, and lasting memories for all the children, highlighting the importance of fun and celebration in building a positive camp experience.



Awarding sport competition winners

Muhanga won 1st place in soccer and basketball and 2nd runner up in Volleyball



Huye won 1st place in Volleyball and 2nd runner up in basketball



Runda won 2nd runner up in soccer



CLOSING REMARKS.

The 2025 Eden's Child Youth Camp brought together youth under the theme "Rooted in Bible, Rising in Christ" for 5 days of spiritual growth, life skills, mentorship, and fellowship. Participants engaged in sessions like, Ndi Umunyarwanda,(Rwanda spirit) drug abuse, human trafficking, economic empowerment, and unemployment, gaining knowledge and practical guidance.

We thank the organizers, volunteers, caretakers, and partners whose dedication made the camp successful. Special appreciation and thanks go to our generous sponsors and donors who have supported, donated, prayed, loved and encouraged not the children, staff, leadership but the whole organization of Eden Temple International.

We thank the Government of Rwanda and its officials, including the Huye District Leaders, Rwanda National Police, Africa Evangelistic Enterprise (AEE), and Rwanda Investigation Bureau (RIB), whose presence inspired responsible citizenship and faith-led leadership. The camp strengthened participants' faith, talents, and relationships while promoting awareness on societal challenges. We trust these lessons will bear fruit in their communities, church, and lives as they impact the world for Christ.