

Reconciliation - Rwanda Genocide: 20 Years Later

In 1994, ethnic tensions in Rwanda culminated in one hundred days of killing, in which nearly one million Tutsi men, women and children were killed by their Hutu neighbors. Now, two decades later in the largely Christian country, many perpetrators are being released from prison and seeking forgiveness from those they traumatized. The Christian charity World Vision has brought together thousands of pairs of victims and assailants in small groups, encouraging restoration through building houses and planting trees for survivors. “I see real reconciliation is taking place, and it’s not fake. It’s genuine,” says Josephine Munyeli, a peace and reconciliation expert for World Vision. “You cannot fake reconciliation. You can’t.”

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