



Dear Supporter of Running to Burundi:

2013 marks the second campaign of Running to Burundi, a Washington non-profit established in 2011 and which currently awaits 501(c)(3) approval from the IRS (I've heard they've had some issues with timing on applications lately ;).

In 2011, when I ran 10 marathons or ultra-marathons, your pledges raised enough money to construct 20 homes in Burundi, a war-torn African nation whose genocide survivors include homeless widows and their children. It was their plight that sent me running, and out of your love and compassion many families now have a home.

RTB's 2013 goal is ambitious: build 10 additional homes and provide solar-powered lighting to all 30. The homes cost \$600 each and the lighting projects price out at \$450 per home. The homes are constructed through the non-profit Sister Connection¹ organization and the lighting work is done in conjunction with Light4Village². We spend \$0 administrative dollars: 100% of your donation goes directly to the task at hand.

For my part, I have pledged to run three separate 100 mile races in 2013. My first attempt to run the distance, the Lumberjack Endurance Runs in Port Gamble, Washington resulted in my abandoning the race after 15 hours and 100 kilometers (62.5 miles) due to storm conditions/cold temperatures. My second attempt, the Pigtales Challenge in Renton, Washington saw the completion of my first successful 100 mile race in 24 hours 14 minutes.

My last 2013 race is August 16th and will take place at the 2nd Annual Fat Dog 100, which is actually a 120 mile endurance race beginning in Keremeos, British Columbia on that Friday morning and finishing some 30 to 40 hours later. The race just made the list of the world's top 10 toughest ultras.³ There is a lot of vertical climbing, more elevation gain than Everest and if I make it it will be the thought of aiding those in Burundi that will get me through. All in all a fitting challenge.

I am asking for your monetary support. Please use the enclosed pledge card to indicate support by the mile at Fat Dog or simply contribute whatever you can. You can also access the pledge card online through www.runningtoburundi.com or through our Facebook page (Running to Burundi)⁴. Our goal is to raise \$19,500 and thus far we've raised \$7,000. Will you help us complete our goal by pledging or contributing today?

I am running, as far and as fast as I can, for the widows and fatherless children of Burundi. Will you run with me? I formed this organization in 2011 with the thought "what can one person do" and I pose the same question to you – what can you do to improve the lives of others? Thank you in advance for the contributions you provide, and please know how deeply appreciative I am for your generosity and support in our growing organization.

Warmly, Scott Volyn (Founder, Running to Burundi)

¹ <http://www.sisterconnection.org/>.

² <http://www.light4village.com/>.

³ <http://www.outsideonline.com/fitness/running/The-Toughest-Ultras.html#gallery-photo-8>

⁴ <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Running-to-Burundi/108890455859449>.