Similarities and Differences Between the United States and Rwanda

* Currently 100,000 children in Rwanda have no adult in the home, but the family is cared for by a child.
* 90% of the people in Rwanda are farmers; most of them are very poor.
* Only 55% of the people of Rwanda have access to clean water. Even fewer have running water in their homes.
* Many Rwandan children help around the house.
* Children will use empty water cans as drums and play music together.
* There are many children in one classroom—80 or more.
* Most children wear uniforms to school.
* Both girls and boys often shave their heads.
* Children are taught three languages in Rwandan schools. (Kinyarwandan, English and French)
* Almost all schools in Rwanda charge for children to attend.
* Music and dance are important to the Rwanda people.
* Weddings in Rwanda are big family celebrations and usually include a mixture of traditions and religious ceremonies.
* Rwandans will typically eat bananas, corn, potatoes, and beans.
* Rwandan children enjoy playing outdoor games, such as tag and hide-and-seek.
* Many schools and local communities in Rwanda have organized soccer teams.