

Friends New Underground Railroad

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Hello FNUR, needless to say I could be dead and forgotten if you hadn't work so hard and struggle to get me out of eastern Uganda where there was likely to be a massive massacre of all those suspected to gay. I remember very well and those memories haunt me up to today.

As many organizations were sitting in their Air conditioned offices in the city, you didn't want to waste time to save us from the danger, you only asked for the important questions.

Is it real? Are we at risk? Are there people within the area who can help us escape?

Once all the facts were gathered within just less than 12 hrs we were rescued. Now that's practical help, that's love. I remember crying tears of joy as we walked the border line crossing into another country where we were processed together with others and finally freedom, hope, peace of mind and joy were renewed. We knew we are leaving Uganda, some knew we left for good, some left loved ones, others left haters but one thing is for sure, we were not loved in Uganda because we were born gay, we were born different.

Even if the law changes for the best today, I can't go back to Uganda, I have decided even to change my nationality from Ugandan to Rwandan, am studying my french and happily working on a wage system.

There are hundreds of straight Ugandan people who come to Rwanda every day for work and business but I do my best to avoid them. They are haters and I am sure if identified they can harm any gay people. So am staying calm and just minding my business.

I am now dating a loving and caring man who is helping me start a new life.

Thanks so much FNUR.

Lots of love, one love. AK