How Did Habimana Change His Life?
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Pre-reading questions:
• What places do you like to go to?
• Where would you like to travel?

Habimana was born into a poor family. One day, Habimana and his three brothers went to look for food in the forest and three tourists were visiting the forest, too. When the three children saw the tourists, they ran quickly towards them and Habimana fell down. Then the tourists quickly came to him and supported him so he could stand up. They asked him, “Do you want to eat?”

Habimana answered, “Yes, I need food.”

They gave him some food and some good clothes, and then brought him to America.

One day, he left his American school and thought, “But how is my family doing? Are they still alive?”

So he said to the tourists, “I want to go home.”

They gave him a ticket for his trip and they heard that he had reached home after three days.
When Habimana arrived home he became very happy. The tourists still felt bad for him, so they called him by telephone and sent him money so he could build his poor family a better home.

When Habimana finished building his new house, he had a lot of money left over, so he decided to use it to buy an airplane.

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