



A DOCUMENTARY

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What would it take you to forgive the murder of your family? What would you do if you had to choose between your life and those of 400 children? How would you redefine family if you were the only survivor in yours? And how would you react when the people who tried to exterminate your people were released from prison and returned to your community? These are just a few questions addressed by interviewees in the upcoming documentary *Komora: to heal*.

Komora is about the orphan survivors of the 1994 Tutsi genocide in Rwanda and the people who stepped up to raise them, whether they were older siblings, orphanage caretakers, or the orphans themselves when they had no one but each other.

The film is directed by two friends. Emmanuel Habimana, a law student and orphan of the genocide, teams up with Natalia Ledford, an American independent filmmaker and university student from Nebraska. As Natalia narrates the story, Emmanuel takes them throughout Rwanda and halfway around the world as he interviews his peers, family, heroes, and even former killers. From them he hopes to learn what survival has meant for his peers across Rwanda and what it means for them today to live in a society where they must share their communities with killers.



Emmanuel Habimana

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