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RAISING AWARENESS, MONEY, and the VISIBILITY of TEACHERS as PEACEMAKERS AROUND the WORLD

Ukraine

Website: [WALK THE PEACE TALK](https://www.walkthepacetalk.com)

Simbarashe Manyika (Simba) is a graduate student at [Vrije Universiteit Brussel](https://www.vrijeuniversiteitbrussel.be) in Education Sciences, working with a team of his colleagues to support a bold journey of social justice and human welfare—serving the needs of refugee children from Ukraine and the teachers who support them. He is also a teacher and a member of [Teachers Without Borders](https://www.teacherswithoutborders.org).

Simba has chosen to “walk the talk” of connecting education and human welfare **by walking from Brussels to the Polish border** to raise funds (100% of which will go to an organization providing direct educational services) AND to raise awareness about the power of teachers as agents of change, particularly in emergencies.

In Simba's own words:

“I am a 34-year-old Zimbabwean graduate student at Vrije Universiteit Brussel. One of my professors, Dr. Fred Mednick, is the Founder of [Teachers Without Borders](https://www.teacherswithoutborders.org). The Ukraine crisis and education in emergencies have become central to our discussions this semester.

*But I felt powerless until I realized: Simba, you are from the African continent. Many people think that Africa is all war, famine, and disease. But I know this—suffering is universal and Africans are a generous and proud people. I want to show the world that Africa responds to **all** children in need. As long as I am on this earth, I will do what I can to alleviate pain and promote education, anywhere. As a teacher, I consider all children to be a part of the world's family. If we don't act now, then when?”*

Simba is one teacher. Imagine a *global* teachers' peace movement.

His walk is not an individual symbolic gesture alone. It is a catalyst for change. And who best to catalyze action? The answer is clear: teachers, the largest professionally-trained group in the world, a development army of good in everyone's backyard, and the glue that holds this fragile world together.

YOU CAN HELP BY TAKING YOUR FIRST STEP

<https://forms.gle/p6hr5VnXR2F32aUx5>

Simba's journey begins on 1 May. His effort is resonating widely, but we need your help now to:

- Feed and house Simba for a night (particularly on his trek across Germany)
- Walk with Simba
- Spread the word
- Interview or set up interviews for Simba en route
- Document his trip
- Mobilize your friends, families, associations to support this effort Teach peace
- Raise funds
- Teach peace and mobilize a global peace-teacher campaign of your own.

LEARN MORE

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