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It started like many great Ugandan adventures: a newsroom buzz at New Vision, a camera bag tossed in the backseat, and one mission to deliver a life-changing prize to the teen who cracked the Teen Vision Christmas Puzzle.

The destination? Pride College School, Mpigi.

The cargo? UGX 1,000,000 in cold, crispy cash.

The hero of the day? A soft-spoken puzzle wizard named Rwonyo Nyakanyinga Louis.

The trek to Mpigi.

From the bustle of Kampala's traffic, the Teen Vision crew hit the road like detectives chasing a mastermind. Except this mastermind wasn't a criminal. He was the teenager who solved one of the toughest puzzle pullouts we've ever published.

The 2025 Christmas Puzzle Competition attracted hundreds of entries from hopeful teens across Uganda. Some answers were brilliant. Others... let's just say creativity was involved.

But after weeks of rigorous marking and sieving by our resident examiners, one name kept shining like a perfectly filled crossword square:

Rwonyo Nyakanyinga Louis.

And so the Teen Vision team rolled out with a cheque book, headed straight for Mpigi.

When the million arrived at school.

If you've ever seen a boarding school buzz when someone receives food from home, multiply that excitement by ten. That's what happened when the Teen Vision crew walked into Pride College School carrying an envelope worth one million Uganda shillings.

Word spread faster than dorm gossip.

"Puzzle winner!"

"Millionaire!"

"Rwonyo has arrived!"

Students poured in. Teachers gathered. Phones came out.

When the envelope was finally handed over, the moment felt less like a school ceremony and more like a mini awards show.

Rwonyo stood there smiling, half proud, half shocked, holding the cash like a rapper posing with a freshly dropped album.

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