



notably in Rwanda that he was recently named one of the Royal Bank of Canada's Top Canadian immigrants for his community contributions.

"Wherever I am I cherish the idea of belonging to a community and doing what I can do for the community Boyi said.

Boyi said moving to Canada transformed him.

"We got the warmest welcome we could think of. When I got here in a totally new community where I didn't know anyone it was very heart warming to see people cared.

As a professor in Western's French studies department since '99 Boyi has inspired many.

He designed a course that focuses on understanding Rwandan culture and history surrounding the early '90s genocide in the east African country.

Students get a chance to travel with Boyi to Rwanda for five weeks to learn about "a shared humanity.

"He loves his students and what he does. One of things that really inspired me was his passion. He has so much faith and so much to give Boyi's student Clarisse Fata said a Western health science major.

"He really liked to push people and he sees something special in everyone she said.

As part of the course students together with Boyi volunteer at orphanages nurseries and schools.

In the past they've also worked with street children who lost their parents to the Rwandan genocide.

"When they feel that they can sit down with other people and play with other kids again and see even a

