



“A HOLY SOUL IN A HEALTHY BODY”

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WORD AND DEED UGANDA

BRIEF HISTORY

Word and Deed Uganda (WADU) Uganda is a Christian, evangelical, international, inter-racial, inter-denominational, non-political, non-governmental organisation.

Through Word and Deed: The Word is the proclamation of salvation through Jesus Christ, and the Deed envisages a holistic approach to the Gospel, working on the assumption that, as in James 2:14-17, if we do nothing about humankind's physical needs we will have fallen short of God's calling.

Vision, Mission, Values, Commitments and Statement of Faith

Vision

"Being the most faithful and effective catalyst for holistic transformation in Uganda"

Mission

"To transform the lives of the most vulnerable people of Uganda through Word and Deed"

Non-negotiable Core Commitments

1. WADU is evangelical in faith and practice.
2. WADU is team based: seeking to form strategic partnerships and alliances.
3. WADU is committed to reaching every stratum of society holistically.
4. WADU upholds Biblical family values.
5. WADU seeks to bring Peace and Reconciliation where there is conflict.

To Evangelise: This is our primary calling, and assumes the proclamation of the Good News that God wants all people saved from their lostness/sin and that, in Jesus Christ, He provides the means for their salvation

The communities of Uganda: One of the main concerns is that a country's most vulnerable communities are invariably found in the villages, and if WADU can reach into the hearts of those communities, they, in turn, will influence for good the lives of their fellow community members, and bring about the transformation so needed on our country.

Organisational Core values

- We are called, caring and dedicated
- Transparency and Accountability.
- Integrity.

Objectives

- Promote transformation and development that empowers the whole person mind, body and spirit through our holistic approach to education, health, and sustainable community development
- Respect and promote the dignity of our beneficiaries.
- Foster a sense of ownership, pride, and participatory development among our beneficiaries and team members.

WADU Statement of Faith.

We believe in the Holy Scriptures (old and New Testament) as originally given by God, divinely inspired, infallible, entirely trustworthy; and the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

We believe that we belong in Christ's sheepfold and that Christ is our Shepherd
We believe that as the wise men were guided by the star to our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise with Him and reign with Him.

We believe in One God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
We believe in our Lord Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, His virgin birth, His sinless human life, His divine miracles, His vicarious and atoning death, His bodily resurrection, His ascension, His editorial work, and His Personal return in power and glory.

We believe in the Salvation of lost and sinful man through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ by faith apart from works, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the believer is enabled to live a holy life, to witness and work for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Major MILESTONES 2023

- **199** sweaters
- **204** Nickers
- **107** Dresses
- **86** shorts and
- **172** under pants
- **86** shirts
- **193** pairs of school shoes
- **10** sheep
- **9** Water purifiers
- **5** piglets
- **5** Rabbits
- **81** School monitoring visits
- **48,829** Meals
- **2,316** Hair cuts
- **2,316** Bars of Soap distributed
- **2,316** Tins of Jelly
- **3,474** Exercise Books
- **386** Pencils
- **100** Pens

OUR PURPOSE

Word and Deed Uganda believes that a fully transformed life is possible/achievable through the word of God and deeds/actions that impact a change on a person's life through its motto.
"A holy soul in a healthy Life"

Word and Deed Uganda continues to employ an integrated, holistic approach in addressing the multiple, interrelated barriers marginalized Batwa face in completing quality Primary schools. It raises demand for Batwa Education through provision of Uniform, Food, scholastic materials to the Batwa children strengthened learning in and after school through Child center days, mentoring and identifying and advocating for Batwa access to school and needs in school.



Dear Trustees/Partners/Friends
Season's greetings in the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ,

I hope this finds you well and in good spirits, as we approach the end of the year 2023, I want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for your generous support towards Word and Deed Uganda-WADU. Your commitment and dedication to our cause have had a significant impact on our mission and the lives we touch in the Batwa communities in southwestern Uganda.

Your thoughtful donations have enabled 193 Batwa children to attend school throughout the year, have a daily school meal, monthly health and nutrition interventions, scholastic materials and school uniforms for each child above all termly evangelical and mission

outreaches to the 9 schools, 4 youth graduated on the youth sponsorship program. More to that communities were also impacted through the alternative giving gifts and other generosity related activities.

As a team we are extremely grateful for the gift to a strong 4*4 Toyota Land cruiser double cabin vehicle that we received recently. Our transport need to the field has been eased and are now confident that more lives will be easily reached in various communities.

At Word and Deed Uganda-WADU we are driven by shared passion of the organization goal of "a holy Soul and healthy life" for every Child. With great supporters like you by our side we are able to take a step towards this direction. Your Kindness has helped us to make a great difference in the lives of the Batwa communities that we serve.

As we reflect on the past year, we are greatly inspired by the progress we have achieved together. None of this would possible without your generosity and unwavering support. Your commitment to WADU truly embodies the spirit of giving and community.

Thank you
Precious Arinda Nabimanya
ED – Word and Deed Uganda-WADU
WADU MANAGEMENT TEAM

A WARMLY WELCOME TO THE VISITING TEAM JANUARY 2023



The month of January was an exceptional month in the life of Word and Deed Uganda as it received its first set of visitors since its inception a year ago. It was a time of fun and sharing with our brothers and sisters in Christ as we all continue to do His will.

The visitors were picked from Kigali

International Airport on 24th January and led to WADU offices in Kabale where they were warmly received and ready to carry-out the mission for the next 18 days.

It was an opportune moment as much was shared ranging from physical, social and economic aspects in response to God's calling in our Ministries.

WELCOME DINNER

During the visitation period, Staff and CDU Trustees had a wonderful time time sharing with one another some of the things the Lord is impressing in our hearts and families (thoughts, gratitude, humility and respect) as they continue to fulfill God's mission ahead of them in the transformation of the vulnerable communities in Uganda. Dinner was always a time of prayer, and getting to know each other in the service of God.



STUDENTS' RETREAT

A large number of students in both primary and secondary schools in Uganda are challenged with several adjustment problems like loneliness and feeling of insecurity, conflict with peers and teachers bad companies and sexual problems which all create emotional tensions and anxiety among the students. WADU recognizes that students in schools



need guidance and Spiritual support on a regular basis a reason why we have taken it upon ourselves to reach out to the students and pray with them at the beginning of each school term.

BATWA EDUCATION

Word and Deed Uganda with support from Christian Development Uganda (a UK-based charity), supported 193 Batwa child in Education and Economic empowerment in partnership with 9 Government Aided primary schools in Kabale and Rubanda Districts in South western Uganda.

Table Showing The Number Of Batwa Supported Children In 2023

SCHOOL	NO. OF PUPILS		TOTAL
	Boys	Girls	
1. Ncundura	3	19	22
2. Kinyarushengye	18	13	31
3. Rutojo	10	14	24
4. Kato	3	9	12
5. Kato- Annex	9	9	18
6. Mukitojo	12	12	24
7. Rwaburindi	5	7	12
8. Kagoma	9	5	14
9. Kavumaga	21	15	36
TOTAL	90	103	193

Feed My Lambs A SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAM

Batwa School feeding Initiative which was launched in February 2021 has so far been a huge success, with many Batwa children attending school throughout the week and the entire school term. We continue to feed them with both Spiritual and Physical food so that they are able to attend school and again always reflect on the provisions of their Father in Heaven.

THE LIFE CHANGING POWER OF SCHOOL MEALS



WADU School meals continue to support the Batwa children in returning to school. They directly contribute to children's health, nutrition, and education.

WADU believes that No Mutwa child should wonder when they will eat their next meal for an active and healthy school life to help children focus in the classroom.

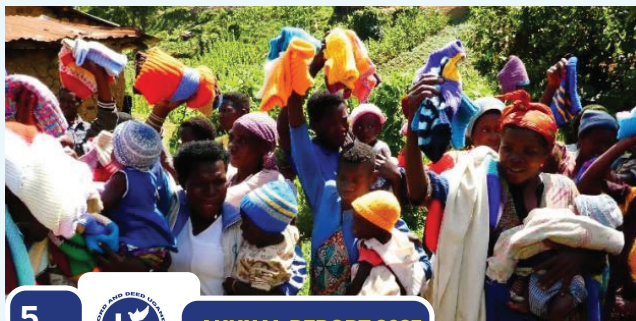
PROVISION OF A DAILY SCHOOL MEAL

Throughout the school year, the Truckload of food was purchased. Maize Flour, beans, Salt were brought in and broken down into individual bags which could be carried to the different schools. More than just

one day worth of food was given. The idea was to give enough for one meal per day for the whole month and to try and make the rations proportioned for the number of children per school as usual. With generous support from Christian Development Uganda a UK-based Charity, 48,829 meals were given to the 193 Batwa children for 253 school days with each child

PROVISION OF KNITTED GIFTS TO HELP CLOTHE THE CHILDREN.

Because the Batwa are always in dirty clothes, they are often despised by the Bakiga counter parts because the type of clothes one puts on determines his social status. A cold mist hovers over most of the Batwa settlements in Rubanda District and the coldness that the children face in the mornings exposes them to running noses throughout the morning hours. The knitted gifts from our friends in the UK therefore came at a time when they were much needed for both the school going children and their young siblings at home too. The jackets, hats and baby blankets were all received with joy and laughter by the children and their mothers. We are highly indebted to a group of women in the UK who found it crucial for the Batwa children to be kept warm during the cold seasons and thought of sending their knitted materials to the children



through Christian Development Uganda.



STAFF HEALTH TRAINING

It was not his mission to turn WADU staff to take on the roles of auxiliary medical staff but because they often come across people who need medical attention in the course of their no-medical missions, Dr. Mike provided a day's training in the management of nutritional and dental problems, fevers, malaria, anemia, pregnancy complications and acute respiratory infections. He also equipped WADU with first Aid toolkits for the diagnosis of malaria, Anemia and baby weighing scales for children under her care.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CAMP

The living conditions of the Batwa are beyond sad. The fact that they are also going without medical attention is ridiculous. Dr. Mike Dobson who was one of the visiting team members observed that the extreme poverty of the lifestyle of the Batwa makes the achievement of basic hygiene virtually impossible. Because of this, he organized a medical mission camp at Kinyarushengye primary school where some identified cases of umbilical hernia, ring worms, jiggers and malnutrition were

identified among the children and referrals made. In addition, the following cases were also identified among the Adults and referral advice given for further medical attention.

1. **Stomach related pains/complications**
2. **Ulcers**
3. **HIV/ Aids.**
4. **Abnormal menstruation periods**



CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

In our Child sponsorship program, we balance the physical, social, economic and spiritual care together to help each child fully mature in every aspect of life by providing resources and guidance for the children to complete basic secondary Education and beyond.

We were saddened to hear about the passing on of our beloved sponsorship coordinator Gill Henderson who has been running our sponsorship program for years. We continue to hold her family in our prayers and praying that the good Lord remembers all her good deeds as she occupies an abode of the righteous in the company of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our scholars program continues to thrive with supported students continuing to excel and move on to the next levels. The support of the sponsors continues to create the future that the children envision for. WADU always provides emotional support, to create a safe place in a dark world that is in the throes of the evil and showing love all to the glory of God.

SCHOOL YEAR IS READY TO KICKOFF!

As the calendar flips to February, it means one thing; the start of school is just around the corner. Where did the Christmas season go? Days are getting shorter and school supplies are on the shelves in all the local shops. The parents and children are always anxious of where the money for tuition fees and other school supplies will come from. To WADU supported students, this is always a time for relaxation and joy because they are always

assured of tuition, scholastic materials and a beginning of term Career guidance session.

BEGINNING OF TERM YOUTH *Retreat*

WADU works very hard to raise intelligent and driven students who will be successful in their respective careers.

As young girls and boys under the mentorship scheme begin to grow and mature, there are many issues that they face as they move to schools in Towns.

The overall goal of the retreat is always to equip the youth with useful and important information so that they have control of their future, health, sexuality and Spiritual life.

All the sponsored children were again so excited to have a retreat and showed great enthusiasm for the purpose of the retreat. Reflection was from John 31: 15 where the youth were advised to;

1. Avoid evil forces that are hindering their success through praying.
2. Receive Jesus Christ as their personal savior
3. Discover the password that will guide them in whatever they do; following Jesus Christ as personal savior.
4. Reduce underage drinking-a common phenomenon among the youth in Uganda today
5. Judging whether their future is at stake
6. Avoiding Child sexual Exploitation



CDU Trustees and WADU staff visit sponsored students at African College of Science and Technology-ACCT in Kabale.



Sponsored students Sanitation and Scholastic





slowly, WADU has watched bloated bellies deflate and eyes reignit



JIGGER TREATMENT

To ensure non recurrence of jiggers, WADU staff continues to sensitise the Batwa children that hygiene of the environment and individual has to be maintained. Regular cleaning of clothing and bedding alter the dirty air conditions and remove the accompanying stench that is conducive to the survival of the jigger. WADU staff continues to do natural extrusion of the egg sac of the jigger with a needle or safety pin to ensure that all the children are completely free from the jigger calamity.



CHILD CENTER DAYS

WADU Ministry approach is holistic in nature, it encompasses man in totality Spiritually, Mentally, Physically and social – economical. In regard to our vision “A Holy Soul in a Healthy mind” children continue to meet at the center every Saturday for a mug of nutritious porridge is served, monthly haircut and health and hygiene assessment as well as Spiritual nourishment

Center days are a demonstration of God’s faithfulness and power working through those who love and serve Him wholeheartedly with zeal and commitment. This Providence and Sustainability of reaching out to the lost souls is the reason why WADU remains Evangelical in its Ministries. We continue to thank God for his goodness and also special thanks to all our prayer partners and Donors from the UK.

THE POWER OF PLAY

Play is how the children learn, and how they form a foundation for life in society. Play is how children explore, discover, fail and succeed, socialize, flourish and thrive. To WADU and Batwa schools, it has been noticed that as soon as children arrive at a playground, they head directly for the swings and slides with a lot of enthusiasm. Making sure every child in every community can thrive is what we strive for in Word and Deed Uganda.

“The Children are always filled with joy and overcrowd the play equipment every day. Each day is always a fresh start for the children on the play equipment. They are never exhausted or get tired of swinging and sliding. Just a swinging, sliding and

HEALTH INTERVENTIONS NUTRITION ASSESSMENT

SCHOOL	no. CHILDREN ACCESSED	MALNOURISHED	NOT MALNOURISHED
Rwaburindi	10	0	10
Rutojo	25	1	24
Mukitojo	19	0	19
Ncundura	13	0	13
Total	67	1	66

SERVING WEEKLY NUTRITIOUS PORRIDGE



Because of the baseline surveys and constant Nutrition assessments, Word and Deed Uganda has been feeding 193 Batwa children who were most malnourished by the start of the program. This is done once a month where the kids are fed on hot porridge of maize sova sorghum, wheat and sugar. And

climbing has increased our school enrollment this term” Sadath the Deputy at Rwaburindi primary school explains

The play equipment was designed and installed by the Chairman Christian Development Uganda Mr. Colin Townsend assisted by Mike Peachey and local craftsmen during the recent visit of the CDU Trustees in Kabale. It was installed at Rwaburindi primary



From Setting up to Usage of the Play equipment at Rwaburindi Primary School

school becoming the second play center after the one installed at Kinyarushengye Primary school by Stanton Harcourt school

COMMISSIONING KINYARUSHENGYE SPORTS CENTER

Through play, children take on challenges, they learn faster and they become creative and innovative. Commissioning of the play center at Kinyarushengye primary school was done by the CDU Trustees during their recent visit to Word and Deed Uganda in Kabale Uganda. It was an occasion for the children

and staff of Kinyarushengye Primary school to extend their vote of thanks to the children and staff of Stanton Harcourt School for the fundraising drive towards the purchase and installation of the play equipment at their school. The play equipment From Setting up to Usage of the Play equipment at Rwaburindi Primary School continues to be heavily used and loved by the children during break hours.

Chronicles 20:21 “....Give thanks to the Lord, for His Love endures forever”



ENDING POVERTY

ONE VILLAGE AT A TIME (EPOVAT)

At WADU, we believe in doing one thing and doing it really well. That “one thing” is our Vision of a Holy Soul in a Healthy Body where we believe. “To end poverty we must start with children. Children who grow up in poverty are more likely to be poor when they are adult, perpetuating the intergenerational cycle of poverty,”

With the livestock gifts donated to us through the Alternative giving program, we were able to distribute sheep, rabbits and piglets to different Batwa Households in Kinyarushengye Batwa Centre with the aim of holistically transforming the lives of the Batwa children. The Team usually visits all the beneficiaries and physically check on the livestock. We always encourage the Batwa to keep the animals taking good care of them. We also encourage them to always keep a constant eye on the tethered sheep to avoid sheep strangling themselves with ropes and keeping dry the pens.

From our field visits, we found out that all the

animals distributed in June were still looking good and the Batwa households taking good care of the animals given.

Our staffs also keep constant contact with the families provided with livestock providing them with advice on proper livestock management as well as integrating Nutritional support to the mothers. She always shares with them the joy and possibilities a healthy body can give which is in line with our motto.

LIVESTOCK FOR NUTRITION IMPROVEMENT

A lack of quality soil has made it difficult for most families to grow crops among the Batwa resident areas. WADU believes that a sheep produces high-quality manure, which can help a family to improve their crops and bring food security to their community.

Our livestock gifts were provided to 30 families in Kinyarushengye Batwa center where WADU wishes to eliminate hunger and malnutrition in the village by increasing production, access and utilization of nutritious foods, with a special focus on pregnant women, nursing mothers and infants under two.





We were able to distribute sheep, Piglets and Rabbits in our first Alternative giving program aiming at ending poverty one village at a time.

DISASTER RELIEF SUPPLIES

WADU exercises pastoral care among the Batwa communities in Southwestern Uganda who live in hilly areas along the hedges of Echuya Forest that are prone to disasters.

The April-May heavy rains caused suffering among the already vulnerable groups where lives were lost and houses completely destroyed, several animals killed and crops destroyed. This posed a danger to the Batwa communities to prolonged famine, homelessness and further trouble.

The Batwa finally got some good news and relief because they were among the homeowners who received a replacement tarpaulin shelters and blankets provided by Word and Deed Uganda through its partner UK -based charity -Christian Development Uganda. ***“This is something God has done. We thank Him and praise Him, “I want you to know that God loves you. Houses can be replaced; animals can be replaced; but lives can’t. God sent His Son Jesus Christ to save people. He came to give His life and shed His blood to save us”.*** Stephen the Programs and Evangelism Manager assured the Batwa. During the distribution exercise, WADU staff encouraged the Batwa to always integrate the principles of sustainable development into village programs to reverse the loss

of environmental resources and enhance ecosystem services thus reducing on potential floods in the future.

SAVED FROM MORNING COLDNESS

During the May Floods that hit the southwestern part of Uganda, WADU came to the plight of the affected families in Murubindi Batwa center and provided blankets to each of the affected families in the community.

WADU believes that the act of covering someone in crisis is a sign of compassion .These “Blankets” were to provide physical, emotional, and spiritual comfort . We believe that it is that comfort of having something around you that gives you Spiritual and





and key family care practices like Hygiene, food security, economic boosters as well as providing guidance and praying with the families were the major activities done during the home visitations to the Batwa families.

emotional healing which touches the lives of people who will receive a blanket while enduring a challenging time in their lives.

STRATIFIED EVANGELISM

WADU stratified Evangelism model aims at proclaiming the gospel to every level among the Batwa communities in south western Uganda. We are committed to ensuring that as many Batwa hear the gospel where they are and in a language and through an approach that resonates most with them. The message for the Gospel mission was from **Joel 5:25-27; “And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten.....And you shall eat in plenty and be satisfied.....”**



And you shall know that I am the Lord your God and none else; and my people shall never be ashamed.”

HOLIDAY HOME VISITATIONS

When holidays approach in Uganda, most parents tend to keep their children active. Batwa children are also given a number of tasks and household chores to keep them busy at home rather than loitering around other people’s gardens. We understand that when children are left un attended to, they end up developing bad behaviours .Therefore the holiday is always an opportunity for Word and Deed Uganda to engage the children in the gospel ministry and encouraging the children to be responsible at attender age by monitoring and visiting their homes to monitor how they get involved in holiday household chores.

Orienting parents on positive parenting



PROVISION OF FULL UNIFORM SET

One of our proudest accomplishments is seeing all the Batwa children clad in a full set of school uniform. Many of the schools in Uganda under government care are faced with a number Phionah taking records during the home visitation exercise.



The Batwa children from Ncundura primary school could not hide their smiles receiving a new set of uniform

WADU staff talking to the girls on menstrual management of problems ranging from limited finances to run the schools due to the poverty of the parents who cannot sustain the students in school in spite of the government intervention of providing free primary education. Due to this, many of the students cannot afford to buy scholastic materials such as uniforms, books, and pencils which make them still fail to attend school. With this in mind Word and

Deed Uganda moved out to look for such schools to support by providing uniforms to the learners. The young boys and girls in all the 9 partner schools got an additional set of uniform including sweaters for warmth in the early morning coldness of Kigezi highlands.

GIRLS' CORNER PROJECT

“ENCOURAGING BATWA GIRLS TO BE STRONG, SMART AND BOLD”

This project was necessitated judging by



the low levels of knowledge on sexual and reproductive health among the Batwa children focusing on four thematic areas of sexuality education, menstrual hygiene management, skills acquisition and positive living. The sexuality education modules focus on values, self-esteem, Goal setting, Assertiveness, relationships and positive living.

HELPING GIRLS TO STAY IN SCHOOL

Batwa girls leaving school early is one of the major challenges NGOs working with the Batwa have been facing .WADU has set up a stay in school program for the Batwa Girls through providing a safe and stable environment with support and guidance from the staff.

WADU staff is encouraging a one –on one tutoring and mentorship scheme for the Batwa girls so that they are able to keep them in school and nurture them into future responsible mothers.



INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Some of the college red children who

are in their last year at the college were able to go for Industrial Training and Internship in their respective fields of study and the good news is that they are both doing well practicing what they have learnt in the college for the past years.



UNDIES FOR HEALTHY LIVING

It was observed that there was an underwear crisis among the Batwa children (both girls and boys) for promotion of key hygiene behaviors at home and at school. Failure to wipe properly their butts also leaves them susceptible to urinary tract infections and

other unhygienic conditions. The undies were thus provided to help the children to stay in school and gain knowledge necessary for a healthy future. Every year a Mutwa child stays at school increases their economic prospects for the rest of their lives.



DISTRIBUTION OF CERAMIC WATER FILTERS

Over 20 million Ugandans have no access to clean water and water borne disease are among the major causes of child mortality in Uganda and especially among the Batwa

who have no access to safe Drinking water. WADU supported students on Tourism and Hospitality during their Internship in June. Word and Deed Uganda is very keen on Health and Sanitation and has been running different health intervention programs like Nutrition assessment, Jigger Treatment, deworming and community health outreach programs. With many partner schools lacking clean drinking water, WADU thought of providing ceramic water filters to each partner school in the 3 Districts of Kabale, Rubanda and Kisoro



in south western Uganda. Ceramic water filters provide affordable high quality drinking water at household and classroom level for communities who are otherwise without access to safe drinking water. The filters were distributed to schools in order to provide the children and their teachers with safe drinking water free from microbes for good health.

PERFECT SCHOOL GIFTS

Word and Deed Uganda received perfect gifts of Colorful LCD Writing Tablets from Christian Development Uganda Trustees to unleash the children's creativity, practice hand writing, maths, alphabet, numbers and drawing.

The Batwa children were able to freely release their natural instincts, enjoying painting, counting numbers, spelling words, among others.

Judith Abesigensi the Head Teacher Ncundura primary school could not hide her happiness seeing Batwa children using tablets for the first time.



“I am so happy seeing the Batwa children use the tablets to draw pictures, write letters, practice writing and even play games. The LCD tablets keep the children entertained contributing to in-class interaction and enriching the learning environment. Special thanks to our partners Word and Deed Uganda for such great initiative. We are happy to be on your programs because this can't be found in other schools”

Judith narrates.



REMEMBERING GOD'S LOVE THROUGH EASTER CONFERENCES

Easter gives an intimate meaning for us as followers of Christ. It is a reminder of Jesus' victory through His death that freed us from the grip of sin and the judgment of sin.

But how do we live according to God's love and this forgiveness towards us that gives us life? By obeying and living according to God's commandment - to love God and to love others. During the Holy week, we travelled in all the partner schools sharing prayer, praises and the Word of God among the children and their Teachers.

We pray that through this many young Batwa people will always see the vision and dream for them to be raised as a kingdom of believers and a holy race.

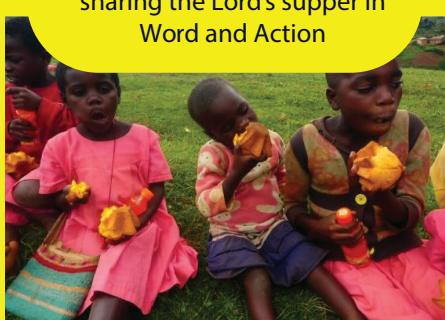
WADU celebrated its Easter with the children from the partner schools where about 4050 children that were reached with gospel of Jesus's death and resurrection. The children were so happy and the different activities took place including skits, word sharing and praising.

The message was from John 14:20 that Jesus' death reconciles us to God and we become one with Him as we also become one with other believers (John 17:11).

program on a monthly basis to determine student academic and psycho social learning outcomes among all the participating partner schools as a means of unlocking the “black box” of classroom quality.



“Do this in memory of me” sharing the Lord’s supper in Word and Action



ANOTHER INCREDIBLE IMPACT FROM STANTON HARCOURT SCHOOL

The children of Stanton Harcourt School raised funds towards the Happy feet project to encourage a healthy lifestyle of the Batwa children and provide a safe environment for them to be able to attend school. The Batwa children had a challenge of severe jigger infestation due to poor hygiene and lack of school shoes could leave them isolated from other school children and thus causing a great disparity between the Batwa and their non- Batwa counterparts.

Harcourt School who donated a pair of shoes to each of the 193 Batwa children across 9 schools in south western Uganda. The shoes again brought many smiles to children. Thank you for helping the kids with a right foot and hope. The kids loved receiving them and parents very appreciative.

RESTORING THE BATWA DIGNITY THROUGH PROVISION OF SCHOOL UNIFORM.

The Batwa cannot embrace the Spiritual power within them if they continue to focus on lack and insufficiency in their lives. We always encourage them that if they put their faith and focus on God, God will provide for their needs. We continue to encourage them that our work with Christian Development Uganda is to remove the doubts and fears and trust in our oneness with God.





Proverbs 22:6; “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it”

Word and Deed Uganda uses the schools monitoring program to deliver key messages and conversations that promote healthy, responsible behaviors among Batwa Girls through the Girls’ corner program. The Girls’ corner program aims to support the Batwa Girls to reduce the risk of early marriages, unwanted pregnancies, risk of HIV infections and increase social and community support for youth on positive living and above all, Trusting in their Lord and Saviour to overcome youth –related challenges in Uganda. Phionah and Marion meet the Girls regularly in our school monitoring sessions to talk about different issues affecting the Batwa Girl child education program.

HANDS RESTORING HOPE

Child birth is always a wonderful time for the family and so the expectant mothers always prepare for this but a Mutwa expectant mother who is always running to uncertainty and needs to regain hope .WADU staff during their routine field visits are always supportive to Batwa rural women and their new born babies who are always wrapped in knitted baby shawls donated to Word and Deed Uganda from Christian Development Uganda in February this year. I can’t believe this!!!.Look at me!

Thanks to the women back in the UK who always spare their time knitting such baby shawls ,sweaters and hats to give to the Batwa mothers and children in need. You are really restoring the hope of many mothers and children in this part of the World.



MAKING THE BIBLE AVAILABLE AND READ AMONG THE BATWA

WADU is building a reading journey that equips the Batwa to read the bibles and understand the word of God in every concept.

WADU would wish to see the Batwa understand how the living Christ is being revealed through responding to their needs as they have been largely “un-churched” for decades.

Please continue to enable us teach the Batwa how to read the Bible through the Alternative giving scheme. It is therefore a great pleasure for us to partner with Christian Development Uganda who always enable us continue serving God in this great ministry.



REACH PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE

Drawing inspiration from the account of Jesus visiting Mary and Martha, WADU staff believes that the saying part of the kingdom can be nourished by sitting at the feet of Jesus and listening to His word.

Jesus came with a mission that was assigned him by the Heavenly Father share a common passion to speak about their shared experiences use it as a common interest to initiate and to develop friendships.

Precious helping Susan read the Bible portion after she was gifted with a bible.

WADU is therefore following the greatest example of Jesus Christ who reached people where they were; He wore the clothes of the day, ate the food of the times, and fulfilled the expectations and requirements of the Jewish people.

By this personal example, Jesus challenges us to go to people where they are. Jesus is the perfect example of being contemporary, relevant, and with the times.

In our mission outreaches, we were looking at the following questions in our minds.

1. Are our good deeds pointing to the glory of God” Matthew 5:16 “

2. Is our work pointing to the kingdom of God as revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ?

Batwa children and their parents from Murambo Batwa center rejoicing and praising God during the mision outreach Taste and see how the Lord is good. Katama Edward from Kinyarushengye tells his Batwa counterparts during the msson.



SERVICE BEYOND SELF

Batwa children center days is one of the core activities of Word and Deed Uganda where we meet children once a month for a health and hygiene assessment and sensitization.

Every child gets a new look once a month with a haircut, bar of soap and tin of jelly to run for the entire month in addition to a mug of nutritious porridge to transform them by meeting their physical needs as well as nurturing them Spiritually in the Love of their chief provider Jesus Christ.

Thanks to the committed WADU staff who are always involved in every Center day activity as barbers, Nutritionists, coaches and Evangelists.

It is also becoming a time when their parents who cannot afford a monthly shave turn to us for a favour and we use this opportunity to sharing with them about the Love of Christ drawing an example from Jesus’s encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well.

We encourage them to come to Christ to be filled, to be forgiven and the joy he bestows in us and that Jesus is the best thing we can ever have in our lives.



THE SPECIAL JOURNEY OF HEALING AND REBIRTH

The story of Gilbert continues to a story of resilience, self-discovery and profound power of love.

Gilbert who fell into a deep pit in the village and was left unattended for close to six months finally found his healing and rebirth through Word and Deed Uganda.

Gilbert faced the traumatic pain, neglect to begin his journey of healing. It was indeed a journey that took him from the depths of his wounds to the heights of self-love and purpose.



Gilbert has since vowed not to return to the village but instead focus on Education and career development. Him and his parents have realized that the Love of Jesus Christ brings radiant transformation and that without God using the good Samaritans from Word and Deed Uganda, he could be still living in the

agony and despair with his leg rotting day by day. Gilbert was taken on as WADU child, cared for, clothed and taken to school around Town where he has learnt much from his colleagues and his journey too



BATWA CHILDREN SCHOOL *Christmas Celebrations*

“Open your mouth and Taste open your eyes and see-how good God is. Blessed are you who run to him” Psalms 34:8 was the theme of the mission activities that were held across all the 9 partner schools in south western Uganda.

As the Christmas season unfolds its magic,

Word and Deed Uganda found its heart brimming with warmth and love reaching out to each and every child under its care with a message of hope and joy.

To the tapestry of life, each thread is woven with stories of resilience, strength and love. To the precious Batwa children who face challenges with courage, WADU was able to send them a message as a beckon of hope, lighting up their dreams and with a Christmas laughter filled with joy and assurance that they are never left alone.

During such celebrations, Children and their parents were encouraged to take refuge in the Lordship of Jesus Christ as their sole source of happiness.

The wonders of his love!!The wonders of His Love!!was the song of applause as children chanted when they first saw the picture of Santa Claus. This attracted many people from around the villages who were all filled with joy as the children celebrated their Christmas in style.

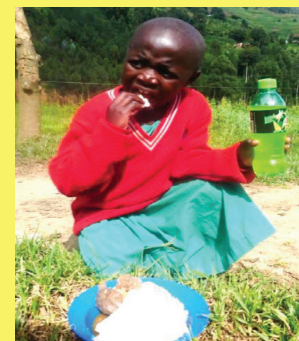


YAMMY-YAMMY!!!!IT'S CHRISTMAS SEASON AGAIN!!

In the spirit of giving, Word and Deed Uganda took the liberty of sharing with the Batwa the word of God as well as physical food(Meat, Rice, G.Nuts paste) and Drinks as a way of expressing the true meaning of Christmas to this community that rarely gets such a special meal in their lives.

We always take this season as a time of shared joy and support in the collect embrace of the love of our master

Jesus Christ and a promise of a better tomorrow.



SCHOOL Graduations

The month of November was a month of massive graduations for almost all the students under WADU-CDU sponsorship scheme where all the 7 students that were undergoing training in different fields in the different institutions and Universities graduated with good grades and are now sent out in the fields to serve and put into real practice the skills acquired during the course of their studies.



Both the students, parents and WADU staff and were overjoyed for the milestones and accomplishments realized.

We thank all the individual sponsors for echoing these children into a future filled with joy, Education and boundless possibilities.

“Congratulations my daughter!! You have exhibited high level commitment throughout your stay with us. We are humbled for your success. Go and serve the nation”. Precious the WADU executive Director shares good moments with Sabra at her father’s home. Sabra graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Education with Literature in English as her teaching subjects. She is currently teaching in one of the secondary schools in Kabale District and already impacting lives.



ABANDONED BY MOTHER, RESCUED BY GOD!

Adellah finally Graduates

“I know that I can make it, I know that I can stand, no matter what comes my way, Jesus my life is in your hands” is the song that Adellah likes so much that encourages her to keep on moving regardless of the circumstances she has passed through. Adella does not want her past to define her but to enable her grow.



Adella now 20 years and is the 3rd born in a family of 3 children. Adella was abandoned by her mother at the age of two years and she was taken care of by her late grandmother. She was picked under Christian Development Uganda Sponsorship scheme for her

51 secondary school Education in 2017. Adella has since then proven that challenges can be stepping stones instead of stumbling blocks and did not let the unfortunate incident bring an end to her Academic journey. She is among the recent graduates from the African College of Science and Technology with a Certificate in Cosmetology and body therapy.

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ANEW LIFE JOURNEY BEGINS WITH MY SPONSOR!!

Maureen now a 27 year old mother of 2 children had finished S.4 in 2015 but failed to continue with studies due to financial

constraints. She was humbled by the Love and support of her sponsor through Christian Development Uganda who has not only equipped her with the knowledge and skills in Tailoring and fashion design But also financed her Tailoring workshop with new sewing machines that has already started empowering her and providing for her family.





supporters have been inspired by the Holy Spirit to give generously to our appeal for a vehicle for you.....”was the message of the year that we received as Word and Deed Uganda for God’s provision to the ministry.

We continue to thank God for His gift that words can not describe. We believe that “Every good gift and perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights,with whom is no variableness,neither shadow of turning” James 1:17

We thank all the supporters who donated for this noble cause of a new vehicle which now allows us to do our mission activities with ease as we reach out to the vulnerable communities in south western Uganda.

We were able to startoff with school Christmas celebrations using the vehicle for our missions and it was perfectly different from the previous field visits as staff were able to perfect their activities without fear of pushing the vehicle stuck in the road or being worried of how they will get home very tired and fail to do other household chores.



DO GOOD DECEMBER GIFTS

“As we exchange gifts and gather with our families let us reflect on the true meaning of Christmas-the gift of love and the power of compassion. In the midst of cheer it is important that we always remember those facing challenges and difficulties during this time. We always pray that the Batwa children always find solace and warmth as we embody the true spirit of this season.”
Stephen the evangelist remarked.

Word and Deed Uganda does this by sharing the little they have with the vulnerable and marginalized Batwa Children in this part of the country.

Blankets, clothes, sanitary items as well as

haircuts were all actions of good deeds that WADU did for the children and their extended families during this Christmas season to enable them celebrate the birth of Christ in yet another unusual manner.

WADU “SPECIAL GIFT” ARRIVES IN KABALE

As word and Deed Uganda,we were thrilled with the good news that the ministry vehicle was now possible.
 “Dear all, HALLELUJAH-which is translated into English is PRAISE THE LORD.

You will have a good pick up truck.Many



CONCLUSION

Word and Deed Uganda continues to be a beacon of Christian light in the desperately Batwa resident areas in south western Uganda.

It is indeed a miraculous work of God among these communities who have since seen great transformation in the last two years that Word and Deed Uganda in partnership with Christian Development Uganda have worked amongst them. God has blessed this ministry mightily with incredible growth in attendance and retention levels among the Batwa children in the 9 partner schools. We have

been able to provide daily meals, scholastics and sanitary items to all the 193 children throughout the year as well as improving their literacy levels through monthly school monitoring programs using the LCD Tablets, improved on child play programs through installation of play materials and providing safe and clean drinking water through the water purifier project. So we have to admit that the vehicle provision surely came at a time when we really need it most.

From heartwarming activities to community impact initiatives, we are always grateful to partner with Christian Development Uganda for spreading joy and making a difference among the vulnerable Batwa communities in

South western Uganda.

We continue to thank God for His gift of courage and provision that no one can tell how wonderful it really is. WADU staff amazed at the work God has done

WADU's mission goes beyond delivery of basic human services. It is a service of liberation. It is an action on behalf of justice and peace. It is economic development among the most vulnerable Batwa communities. It is Education as a means of transformation.

