

UPDATE REPORT FOR THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2023

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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.

A merry Christmas and happy New Year 2024

Precious Arinda Nabimanya

ED – Word and Deed Uganda-WADU

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 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 cannot 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

WADU staff amazed at the work God has done



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 start off 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.

The vehicle provision surely came at a time when we really need it most.

SCHOOL YEAR COMES TO AN END

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.

To the sponsored children in other schools, one was able to finish his High school and is currently waiting for the results.

The other two were also able to complete form four and are waiting for their results as well.

We pray that they perform well and are able to join higher levels of learning for a complete lifelong transformation.

THE SPECIAL JOURNEY OF HEALING AND REBIRTH



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

Gilbert who fell into a deep pit in the village and was left un attended 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 Word and Deed Uganda is currently looking for a sponsor to take him up as God unfolds his healing and rebirth journey.

The healing and rebirth process





During our Christmas celebrations with the Batwa schools, Gilbert was asked to come with us to the village to say hullo to the family and all were amazed at the progress he is making and how he has since changed for the last three months he has been under the care of Word and Deed Uganda. Gilbert was able to meet his brother again and narrated to him how he sleeps on a mattress, eats three meals a day and has new clothes, shoes and how he had graduated from Top class in Nursery to Primary.

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.

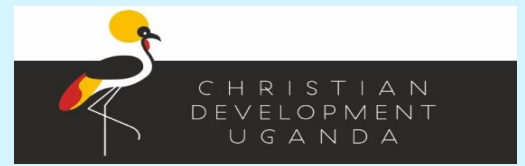
To the tapestry of life, each thread is woven with stories of resilience, strength and love. To the precious Batwa children who face challenges with courage, WADU was able to send them a message as a beckon of hope, lighting up their dreams and with a Christmas laughter filled with joy and assurance 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.



THE MONTH OF 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 finished their studies 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 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.

Meet Adella!!!! Abandoned by mother, rescued by God!

“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 Adella 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 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.

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.



Moureen receives the donated sewing machine from WADU staff in her newly established Tailoring workshop

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.



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.

As we come to the end of the year and close the Do Good December; **Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give not out of regret or compulsion. For God loves a**



cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

CONCLUSION

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'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.

Merry Christmas.

