



“A HOLY SOUL IN A HEALTHY BODY”

September- October
UPDATE REPORT

Another school Term begins

As the new term begun, WADU in partnership with Christian Development Uganda continued to provide daily school meals to 193 children in 9 schools to the most vulnerable and food-insecure Batwa children in South western Uganda. The program takes a holistic approach to improving access to and quality of primary education in Uganda. Apart from the provision of daily meals, consisting of porridge or a combination of fortified maize, beans, salt and vegetables, WADU and its partners implement complementary activities at the supported schools in order to increase education outcomes among the targeted students. These activities range from monthly haircuts, implementing literacy projects, provision of play materials and promoting access to clean water among others.



LITERACY Development

Students in all the 9 schools that are benefitting from the LCD Tablets where WADU staff and school Teachers serve as tutors, the reading capacity of the targeted Batwa children has greatly improved and is expected to increase by 69 percent by the completion of the school year. We thank God for Christian Development Uganda for always making all this possible and empowering the Batwa children improve on their reading and numeracy skills.

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.



Stephen hands over the gift Bible to Turyahabwa Keneth the lay reader Mungo COU where the Batwa attend church service.



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

COMMUNITY EVANGELISM

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.

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?



MAKE ME A CHANNEL

Quoting St. Francis of Assisi “Preach the gospel at all times and when necessary use words”

WADU would wish to see the community of Batwa illiterates when it comes to the Bible and the history of God’s saving acts by ensuring that the young Batwa know some stories in the bible and get connected to the story of salvation.

The good news is that the young Batwa are yearning and even hungry to engage scripture and discover how the good news of Jesus is being lived out in our own context.



FATHER'S LOVE BRINGS ME TO HOPE

SAVING LIVES-CHANGING LIVES



Gilbert story

There is a huge injustice for people who cannot move around and don't have access to services they need because they cannot afford to pay for the medical bills.

WADU is reaching out to people who are often unintentionally excluded from humanitarian aid. Our role as WADU is to make sure that they receive the support



they need. We understand that meeting one person's physical need is utilized to meet the spiritual needs of multiplied others.

Word and Deed Uganda takes a holistic view of every beneficiary we meet with our primary focus of providing life-changing solutions to Batwa children who would have otherwise not be able to afford.



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Saving Lives -- Changing Lives

To Gilbert's parents, they found themselves with an impossible decision to make over the life of their dear son Gilbert.

To WADU, we didn't think it was too hard to save the life of Gilbert who was rotting in the small household makeshift in a village in Kinyarushengye Rubanda District.

Gilbert was sick for 6 months and never got treatment with a dead bone still outside with no muscle covering and it was discharging greenish foul smelling pus discharge when Word and Deed detected him in our routine field visits to the Batwa schools. WADU sought support from its partners and friends and with the generous support from our supporters back in the UK, together we were able to ease the burden of the parents and shift the trajectory of Gilbert's entire life.



CLUTCH OF HOPE

Gilbert Akanyihayo 11 years from Kinyarushengye could not walk on his own after being operated with an open tibia fracture and sequestrum removed. WADU has since employed a physio-therapist to help Gilbert recover. Gilbert was also provided with new crutches adjusted to his height to assist him in the movement around the compound and also move to the nearest day care center for schooling to help him improve on his daily life.

“It’s not about WADU and what we can do. But it’s about God’s heart and how he feels about these children. And what his desire is for them to be comforted and consoled and taken care of during the worst part of their lives.” Precious after securing a clutch for Gilbert.



BEGINNING OF TERM YOUTH RETREAT

WADU works very hard to raise intelligent and self 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



Provision of Scholastics to enable learning.

WADU provides termly scholastic materials to each of the children to eliminate the students' lack of participation in classes due to the absence of writing materials and other non-classroom basics for a stable and smart school environment.

Thanks to the support of our incredible sponsors for enabling our scholars settle nicely into the school term after getting all the school supplies they need. You are indeed impacting the lives of these young Ugandan folks in the Education and Skills Development process.

These supplies are always an encouragement to the children to put their focus on education as their hope for the future.

Maxious one of the sponsored students expressed gratitude for the provision of scholastics, stating that the scholastic materials have greatly helped them because their parents were always unable to afford writing materials before they were enrolled on the Sponsorship program.



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



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 unattended 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 tender age by monitoring and visiting their homes to monitor how they get involved in holiday household chores.



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.



HELP US 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.





Thank You
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