

## Celebrating 10 years journey of Miracles



*Seniors dancing during 10 year celebrations in October last year.*

After three years of prayer and planning, the dream and vision that Kenneth, the founder and executive director of ROTOM had, to walk 400 km (248 miles) from ROTOM Project in Muhanga, Kabale district to ROTOM head office in Mukono became a reality. This walk was embarked on in celebration of the 10 year of ministry serving older persons in Uganda

The walk begun on 28th September 2013 and the walkers arrived at ROTOM centre Mukono on 19th October. Both the flag off and climax drew hundreds of walkers, a majority of whom were grannies supported by ROTOM. A sea of elderly faces dressed in their very best joined in the first and last 5km of the 400Kms of the walk with great enthusiasm.

The walk climaxed with the official celebration of ROTOM 10 year anniversary at ROTOM centre Mukono. As Kenneth

told the story of the beginning of ROTOM and his gratitude to Miriam his wife and his family, tears were in most eyes. He explained that he had not taken a salary for the first 8 years and that Miriam has been and continues to be the family rock.

“I am humbled and overwhelmed. I have no appropriate means to express my thanks and that of grannies and entire ROTOM team except to pray for God’s will to be done in your life. For those of you who were with us on Saturday Oct.19th you know what I am talking about. For those of you, who missed, am not sure how to share with you. All I can say again is; thank you. Seeing hundreds of grannies and children rejoice in what the Lord has done over the last 10 years is seeing God’s faithfulness to His people. Looking at the 10 year journey, I see a journey of miracles and I marvel at how God works.” He said.

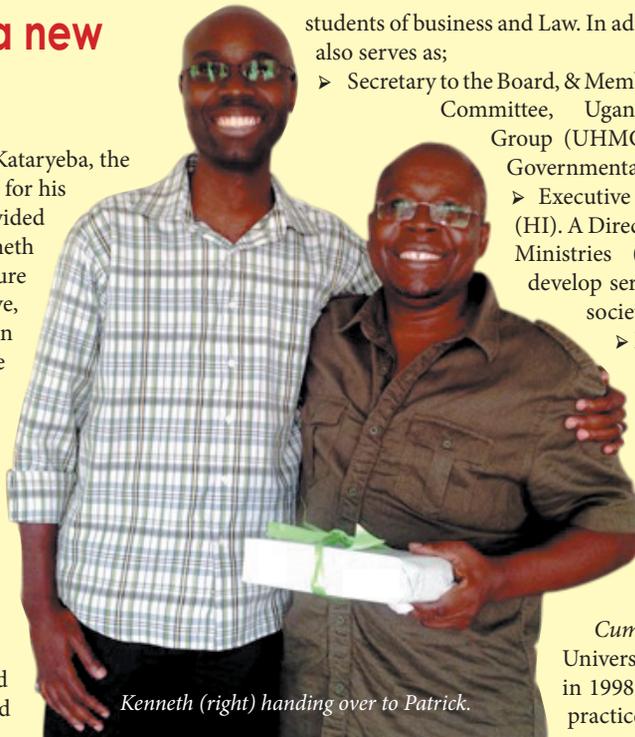
## NEW DEVELOPMENTS

### ROTOM Uganda gets a new Board Chairman

Please join us in thanking Kenneth K Kataryeba, the first chairman of ROTOM in Uganda for his faithful and selfless leadership provided to ROTOM over the last 10 years. Kenneth K, who did everything possible to ensure ROTOM growth from a dream to an effective, senior focused God honouring organisation retired at the 10 year mark of ROTOM. He has handed over the leadership of ROTOM board in Uganda to Patrick Mugenyi.

Mr Mugenyi has served on the board of ROTOM for the last 10 years and was the chairman of the governance committee. He is married to Evelyn Mugenyi and they have five children. He is currently the commercial manager of Lafarge in Uganda and the Founder and Managing Director of Madit Logistics (U) Ltd

Patrick has a burden for ministry and community causes and has mentored



*Kenneth (right) handing over to Patrick.*

students of business and Law. In addition to ROTOM, Patrick also serves as;

- ▶ Secretary to the Board, & Member Business Development Committee, Uganda Health Marketing Group (UHMG). A health based Non-Governmental Organization
- ▶ Executive Director Harvest Institute (HI). A Directorate of Worship Harvest Ministries (WHM) that exists to develop servant leaders to transform society.

- ▶ Board Member Institute for National Transformation (INT) - Uganda. An organization committed to developing values based "no excuse" leaders of integrity throughout the world.

He graduated *Cum laude* from Makerere University with a degree in Law in 1998, and he received his legal practice diploma in 1999.

### ROTOM Health Centres Open



*Doreen helping to feed an ill senior at ROTOM Health Centre.*

ROTOM Health Centres in Muhanga and Mukono are officially open, staffed and serving older persons!

Now seniors have places of their own where everything is tailored to meet their medical needs. They will no longer be hustled along in a system fashioned to cater to younger generations.

The Lord has provided us with a team of wonderful staff to start the centers off. These are Joseph Byanyima and Simon Akopan (clinical officers), Lydia Nagujja and Rebecca Namirembe (nurses) and Doreen Nakakawa and Deus

Ngabirano (Lab Assistants). The team is led by Robina Babiryey; ROTOM Medical Services manager.

"It was a joy for me to see seniors receive care from our own health centers provided by our own staff this afternoon," said Kenneth M

We thank you all very much for your prayers and support that have made this dream a reality. Please continue to pray for a doctor on staff and more equipment to enable us provide all the care needed by the seniors served by ROTOM.

### Christmas Party

After the big anniversary party, the small Christmas celebrations were a welcome change! Most of the seniors were not ready to be hustled onto a bus again in such a short while. Despite the fact that there was no grand celebration, the seniors in Mukono were beaming as they met again in their fellowships to celebrate Christmas. Since old bones can only stand so much the staff paid tribute to the seniors by going from fellowship to fellowship to celebrate Christmas with the Seniors.

It was a welcome change for the administration team who got a chance to actually interact with the Seniors. And for the Seniors, many got a chance to actually help cut the cake!

Senior Deziranta Nagawa from Kitale could not hold her excitement when she received her gift of pretty blue bed sheets,

"I did not have any bed sheets, the ones I had before were stolen



*With excitement, Senior Deziranta wraps the Christmas gift of bedsheets on herself.*

while I was away in the garden working . . . Praise Jesus! Long live ROTOM!" said Deziranta.

But for the seniors in Kabale, theirs was the usual big Christmas party with church leaders, local leaders and staff all joining in the merry making.

Your Christmas gift has greatly improved the sleeping conditions of our seniors.

**Thank You!**

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