

Outreach



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Older persons living dignified and fulfilled lives!

Christmas Party!!



Seniors dancing and singing for the visitors during the Christmas celebrations.

"Parties for old people in rural Africa are rare and far between. No one wants to invite people like us to their parties ...that is why this Christmas party means a lot to me and I cannot miss it for anything!" says Jaja Nulu Nabaggala all

dressed up on the morning of the seniors' Christmas party. Not even the wet morning could put a damp on the spirits of the perky seniors all ready to celebrate the long awaited day. Buses ferried seniors from all the different villages where ROTOM operates. Tents were up all colorful with red and green cloth, ribbons and balloons. Seniors did presentations of songs, skits and dances before the festive meal was served. A delicious cake and a timely gift of a warm blanket left many a senior happy beyond measure. A warm blanket means no more cold nights and coughs and colds which trouble many poor seniors. Jaja Janet was one of the seniors who received a special gift for being the best bible reader in her fellowship.



Jaja Yosia with his gift of a blanket

From a Hut to a State House!



Jaja's Mariam Nabududa's new mansion she now lives in with her family of grandchildren. Inset is her old house.

'...having a big number of grandchildren all in one little house was a very big challenge. I never dreamt that I too could live in a good house like other people..' says Jaja Mariam Nabududa's. All her dreams came true when the Galloway church chose to build her a permanent house for her and her grandchildren. She could not contain her joy at the sight of the new house and even did a little dance to the amusement of her grandchildren. It is the woe of many seniors in rural Africa who live in semi-permanent shacks which are a threat to their very existence. For Jaja Mariam it is the proverbial saying of from grass to grace from a grass hut to a state house thanks to the generosity and hard work of wonderful people. Jaja Miriam joined the ever growing number of seniors getting better and safe houses. With a nice warm and spacious house, life keeps getting better for these precious seniors.

ROTOM through the eyes of our Canadian Mom - Linda Hallet



DEAR ROTOM,

... there were many Jajas I loved but the one that touched me that time was Safina. She had a new home that had been built for her by ROTOM and she kept it immaculate. She cultivated (thanks to the project) an amazing garden that would be the pride of all of us. She broke up rocks to make money, a very resourceful woman. Although a Muslim, she participates in the fellowship meetings as a volunteer. Her life had been enriched by ROTOM... The arrival of the container was overwhelming and thank goodness for the Galloway team who came from the USA and their help to sort all the supplies and preparing the hundreds of packages ready for another day of giving to the community.

Kabale was the highlight of my trip as I saw the enthusiasm of the staff and volunteers as they emptied the truck carrying the heavy beds and equipment across the muddy field to the medical centre. No hugs allowed due to the Marburg virus. The words of gratitude from the Jajas who received the clothes brought me to tears. My journey to the top of the world to see the Jajas in Kahama was so very special. Over the next few hours I was able to see the happy faces of the many women and men I had met before.

The first visit in 2008 I heard stories of pain and loss. They were poorly dressed and undernourished but grateful for ROTOM who had picked up their lives and showed they cared. This time there was no sad faces, just stories of gratitude and abundance. They had new clothes, food items . . .like eggs, chickens, goats and pigs. Warm blankets, solar lamps, water barrels and clean water, fellowship meetings, education for their grandchildren and so much more.

I could return to Canada and tell all those people that give generously to the SLF and the Compassionate Resource Warehouse that ROTOM has made such a difference in the lives of those they reach each and every day.

I am blessed to have been able to share this time with such heart centred loving ROTOM staff. I am honoured to be part of the family.

Oh and this time I could have many hugs!!!!

I cannot wait to return.

Mama Linda

SPONSOR A SENIOR!

For only UGX 60,000 a month, you can sponsor a senior in Uganda to:

- Hear a clear presentation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Participate in regular Christian support fellowship.
- Receive bi-weekly home visits from volunteer counselors.
- Receive free regular medical screening and treatment.
- Receive support to enable improvement in income and food security.
- Access safe and healthy water and housing.

Every year, as a sponsor, you will receive a photo, update report and two letters from the senior you sponsor.

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