



ROTOM

Older Persons living dignified and fulfilled lives!

In August, ROTOM sponsored medical screening for all of the older persons under its care. This was in addition to earlier medical screening done for children under the care of grannies in the villages and schools where ROTOM runs evangelism programs.

Altogether, over 2000 people received free general medical screening. During the screening, seniors who were found to have sicknesses received treatment. Oth-



Above: Clementine at the hospital



Above: Clementine a week after the surgery

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ers were referred for specialized medical care.

Among those referred for specialized medical care were 15 older persons who required eye surgery to remove cataracts.

Four of the 15 that were referred have already received the surgery. These were Clementine, Veronica, Teresa and Josiah.

The four spent two weeks in Jinja hospital during which cataracts were removed and all are able to see again. For Josiah who had been without sight for over 4 years and Clementine who lost her sight early this year it was a miracle.

Before she lost her sight, Clementine was able to do her daily chores at home as well as help clean the offices of a surveyor in the neighborhood where she earned a little money. Her ability to maintain her independence was gone when she lost sight early this year. She suddenly became dependant but being alone she did not have any one to de-



Josiah at the hospital

pend on. Life became a nightmare. Cleaning her house (rented for her by ROTOM), cooking food and washing all became very difficult.

After the surgery it was all joy and praise for Clementine to discover that she could now see.

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ROTOM Senior Sponsorship!

For only US\$ 30, Euro 25 or CDN \$30 a month, you can sponsor a senior in Uganda to:

- Hear a clear presentation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Participate in regular Christian fellowship
- Receive weekly home visits from volunteer counselors.
- Receive free regular medical screening and treatment.
- Receive a regular hot and nutritious meal.
- Access safe and healthy housing.

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

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Her expression after surgery is summarized in her words below;

After removing the bandage from my eyes it's as if I was in another world or in heaven. When I opened my eyes and could see the sun again, I was really happy and I rejoiced. I began walking in the ward greeting patients one by one. I knelt down to thank the doctors and asked one of them to call Alfred there and then to inform him that I can now see. I can see every thing. I can recognize different colors. I can see motorcars, buildings, and I no longer confuse people as I used to do calling a different person instead of the other. There is a big loss to the blind ones. Sincerely I had become an object of ridicule. To be able to walk myself to the latrines is great. I am now free from eating snails! My son, when I remember the day I chopped a snail in the greens unknowingly because I could not see it and after preparing for eating I ate it in greens and I vomited every thing and slept hungry that night. Every time I tried to mingle corn meal I would hit the mingling stick in charcoal stove instead of the cooking pot. I thank God because I am free from all these. I have no way to demonstrate the joy I have now, it's beyond expression.

Missionary Opportunities

ROTOM Uganda :

Position: Administrative Assistant for Executive Director.

ROTOM Canada:

Position: CEO ,ROTOM Canada.

If interested, please contact the Executive Director

or visit our website for details.

Bless an older person this Christmas!

Christmas is just around the corner. As is our tradition, many will give and receive gifts from friends and family. However many others will not have a chance to give or receive a gift. Those who have little to look forward to at Christmas time include poor older persons in Uganda.

This year, as a family of ROTOM, we would like to bless each older person under our care in Uganda with a gift of a water holding drum. Older persons in Uganda do not have piped water. Many live far from community wells and are not able to walk the kilometers necessary to fetch water for cooking and washing. It is more challenging for those without grandchildren that they can send to the well for water. For those children who live with grandparents it can sometimes mean missing school to go and fetch water from the well.

Uganda is blessed with rainfall most of the year, which presents an opportunity the seniors can take advantage of. If they have the proper equipment they are able to harvest rainwater from their tin roof and store it in a drum. With support from The Stephen Lewis Foundation we provided 100 older persons with 250-liter drums last year. These drums have provided clean water to the seniors who have them for over half of the year. They can now easily cook and wash. It has improved hygiene in their homes. We would like to do the same to the remaining 400 hundred seniors under ROTOM. Please join us to bless a senior with a drum this Christmas.

To buy, deliver and install a 250-liter drum (approximately 66 US gallons)



along with a gutter on a home of one of our seniors costs Euro 35, USD 45 or CAD 50.

Thank you for making this year Christmas memorable for older persons in Uganda.

A senior receiving a drum from the ROTOM committee member in Kahama. We would like to give all seniors under ROTOM this kind of drum.

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