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When Joy comes to stay

Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people. Philemon 1:7



Catherine and Robinah at the Senior's Christmas Party

Love sounds the same in every language, tongue and creed. And the seniors supported by ROTOM have been blessed to experience this immerse love from their supporting friends from all over the world. Many of these friendships are between people who have never even met each other but love each other all the same.

This past Christmas, this love took the form of a gift of a small portable FM radio which was given to every ROTOM supported senior with love

from their supporting friends.

Our seniors have for long been plagued by loneliness; being often frail, bedridden or living alone. They spend a lot of time alone in the Ugandan countryside with only their thoughts for company. Most of these seniors grew up in a time when education was not readily available so many are barely literate and cannot even take comfort in reading to while away the hours.

So, you can hardly comprehend the joy the seniors had on receiving a radio of their own for Christmas.

Peninah Nakato a ROTOM supported senior said, *"it is like I have found a long-lost sister who has come to stay with me. She talks with me and keeps me company all day long."*

Alice Nagita another ROTOM senior said *"when I cannot sleep, I just listen to the radio till I fall asleep. My nights are no longer long and dreaded."*

For the seniors we serve, the Christmas joy that comes with remembering the birth of our Lord Jesus has come to stay with them. As

See Joy overleaf >>

————— *Older persons living dignified and fulfilled lives!* —————

The ROTOM Grandchildren

Changing their generations through education

The ROTOM School officially opened for its second year of operation with 45 children embarking on their path of education. They join millions of children in Africa getting an education in order to change their lives and communities. The ROTOM School is committed to providing a wholistic education through emotional and spiritual support, health care, social skill development and enhancing education opportunities among

children.

ROTOM's plan is that The ROTOM School children will one day graduate from university and college. And join with the other grandchildren of ROTOM supported seniors supported by Beautiful World Foundation Canada in colleges and universities to rewrite their stories. No longer to be known as needy vulnerable children but as dynamic young people equipped to change their communities.



Simon Peter at The ROTOM School

FIGURES

45 *embarked on their path of education for Second Year at The ROTOM School to claim their place with the millions of children in Africa.*

SUPPORT A SENIOR!

- For only UGX 80,000, US \$30, €5 or CDN\$35 a month, you can support a senior in Uganda. Your friendship allows seniors 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
- Friends receive a photo, update report and two letters every year from the senior they sponsor.

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they work in their garden or sit weaving a mat. With these radios, they can join the millions of people all over the world to hear what is happening in the world around them so they no longer feel disconnected from the rest of the world.

The gospel broadcasted on the



Acupa with her radio

radio is a great blessing to the seniors for their Christian faith. Without having to leave their homes, they get to hear teachings from the word of God as well as Christian music.

Time is no longer a burden to be born but a pleasure to be enjoyed each and every day. With different things to learn, hear and enjoy.

Thank you for your generosity towards our seniors and for faithfully making their lives better.

Thank you, our partners and friends, for sharing your Christmas cheer and love with the seniors we serve. Your generosity has brought joy in their lives. A joy that has truly come to stay.