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Rejoice for your light has come . . .



Jaja Anna Maria of Butebe receiving her Christmas gift from Eva Maria, the Guest of Honor, at the Christmas party.

For many people in rural Uganda lighting their homes is a difficult and expensive aspect of life.

They either use locally made kerosene lamps, lanterns, candles or go to bed early as soon as darkness falls.

Many of the seniors can no longer use their solar lamps that were given to them in 2011 or are newer in the program and don't have these alternative lights yet. Many of them get up several times in the night to use washrooms, which are outside in the dark or to take medicine. Without light this has led to bad falls.

The challenge of light has become a thing of the past for the ROTOM supported seniors at the ROTOM Christmas parties when they re-

ceived solar lamps for their Christmas gift. For these seniors life will never be the same, all they have to do is put the solar panel in the sun and at night every dark corner is awash with light.

For Jaja of Bukerere the situation got even worse when one night, tired after a long day, she fell asleep and left the kerosene lamp burning. It fell over, setting her bedroom ablaze. We thank God the whole house did not burn down with all her 13 grandchildren in it.

With joy etched over her face she cannot thank ROTOM enough for the new solar lamp she got. ***"You have saved me from the constant threat of a fire breaking out from the kerosene lamps and candles my grandchildren and I use. I can***

even save the money that I used to spend on paraffin and candles. Life for me has been a series of difficult choices; every time I receive a little money I have to weigh every small decision. Do I buy sugar for my grandchildren or do I buy paraffin for the lamp?"

These are both difficult decisions to make but they are a part of many rural households.

But now for many seniors who used to stumble in the dark to use the restrooms or look in on their grandchildren in the night, life has gotten better. They can even leave the lights on through the night without the constant threat of a fire or scrimping on the precious store of paraffin.

Thank you our friends and partners for this wonderful and very thoughtful gift. Thank you for brightening up the lives of these dear seniors ■



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Christmas at ROTOM

T rue evangelism is all about sharing the love of Jesus with every one we meet every day of every year. For the evangelism team of ROTOM, this has been their daily goal together with the Sturtevant missionary family who spent the year 2015 with us at ROTOM. The team went to schools, villages, churches and towns sharing the love of Jesus. They also visited seniors' fellowships and many seniors received Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Jointly the evangelism team reached over 51,406 people and 14,764 of these received Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. For these people, Christmas has taken on a whole new meaning. It is no longer just a day to get together with friends and family to feast but a day to remember a redeeming love.



Veronica (left) and Christine enjoying a light moment at a party.

Kamanzi of Namubiru recalls; "Before I knew Jesus, Christmas was just an ordinary day with ordinary challenges and sorrows. But now every day all I can think of is the man who loved even me a poor senior with nothing to give him. Christmas

takes on a whole new meaning once you know the reason why it is here. It ceases to matter that you have no family to celebrate with and the loneliness disappears once you meet Jesus" ■

ROTOM Update

P lease join us in thanking Mr. Patrick Mugenyi for his faithful and selfless leadership provided to ROTOM as the Board Chairman since 2014. He has handed over the leadership of ROTOM Uganda Board of Directors to Dr. John Kimbe.

Dr. Kimbe is one of the pioneer members of ROTOM Uganda Board of Directors and has been the Vice Chairman to the board. He is married to Josephine and together they



Patrick (left) hands over to John, the new ROTOM Chairman.

are blessed with three children. He has been running a private dental practice for more than 15 years ■

SUPPORT A SENIOR!

For only UGX 80,000, US \$30, €25 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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