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God's Love is Sufficient, *even in our loneliest times.*



Captured: Senior Joselyn during one of her bible study time at her home in Kitabulaza village.

Just as the anxieties of the COVID-19 pandemic have led many to search for greater meaning in their lives, the pandemic has made it easier for people including our seniors to explore different ways to grow in their Christian faith.

Like many people around the world, the pandemic took senior Joselyn Kahamutima by surprise. The 80+ years old from Kitabulaza village in Rukiga district in southwestern Uganda, was having a wonderful time going to the ROTOM Seniors' Fellowship in her community every other week. Unfortunately, the nationwide lockdown brought many activities to a halt, and suddenly, Joselyn could no longer go to the fellowship meetings. "I was very saddened when I learnt that I could not attend any more fellowships for worship with my fellow seniors. With each missed fellowship meeting, I felt a cloud of loneliness cover my days. Through the

seniors' fellowships, I had found a family who loved Jesus Christ just as I do. It was a place for me to grow my faith, learn more about kindness, love, and ways in which I can share my faith and life experience to encourage my fellow seniors" Joselyn shares.

Now, with nothing but time on her hands, Joselyn decided she would explore other ways to keep her faith growing. Joselyn narrates, "I was happy to receive a yearly daily bible guide from ROTOM. I could read one scripture a day and meditate upon it, and then pray for the world. And with my radio, another cherished gift I received from ROTOM way back in 2018, I was able to listen to different Christian radio stations. When the lockdown was lifted and we could meet in small numbers, I was delighted to listen and attend church over the radio with some of my neighbours. Once again, I was able to feel God's love. Through my daily bible study, the voices I listened to over the radio, my neighbours

who prayed with me every Sunday, and above all, through the different ways ROTOM cared for me during the toughest times of the COVID crisis, the old loneliness lifted completely. I am not sure when this whole pandemic will end or what the future holds for each one of us. One thing is sure though; that God's love is sufficient for you and me, and absolutely nothing can ever separate us from his love." Joselyn shares with a smile.

Friends, while COVID disrupted very many ROTOM activities especially the seniors' fellowships-which they loved dearly, we have witnessed tremendous testimonies of family fellowships in our seniors' homes and sometimes small home cells with their neighbours. ROTOM is hoping to resume all seniors' fellowships and home cells by June 2021. And with the COVID vaccine now available, we are also hoping to have our seniors vaccinated against this virus.

Older persons living dignified and fulfilled lives!

We asked, and you gave abundantly.

Thank you for our Seniors' Christmas Gifts!

There's nothing like watching a senior's face light up when they receive a Christmas gift from ROTOM. Eyes wide open in wonder. Funny giggles. Squeals of laughter and celebration dances. Because of COVID-19, our seniors were unable to meet together last Christmas for their big end-of-year Christmas party celebration. Instead, Christmas was brought right into their homes by the ROTOM team. Each of our supported seniors received a 2-liter thermos flask which was accompanied by a package of food groceries.

During a recent visit to Senior Angella Muduwa, she shared this with us: "I love tea. The flask makes it possible for me to have tea anytime of the day. I never had a flask of my own, and I really wanted one. So, I was very happy when ROTOM blessed me with one. My grandkids would prepare the tea for me but we had nowhere to keep it hot for the day's use. Moreover, we struggled to get the firewood to even boil the tea.

We are now able to boil water in the morning and keep it in the flask to use for the day. Having this flask has helped us save firewood which is also very hard to find. I am no longer worried about boiling my tea all the time because it's always assured. In fact, it keeps the water hot even at night and I am able to take a cup of tea at about 8:00 PM before I go to bed.

Thank you so much ROTOM for this wonderful gift!"



From the Founder and Executive Director

"In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" Luke 15:10 NIV

Dear Friends and Partners,

It is such a joy to know that we are extremely loved by our heavenly Father. Every single soul that comes to Christ calls for an angelic celebration not only on earth but also in heaven.

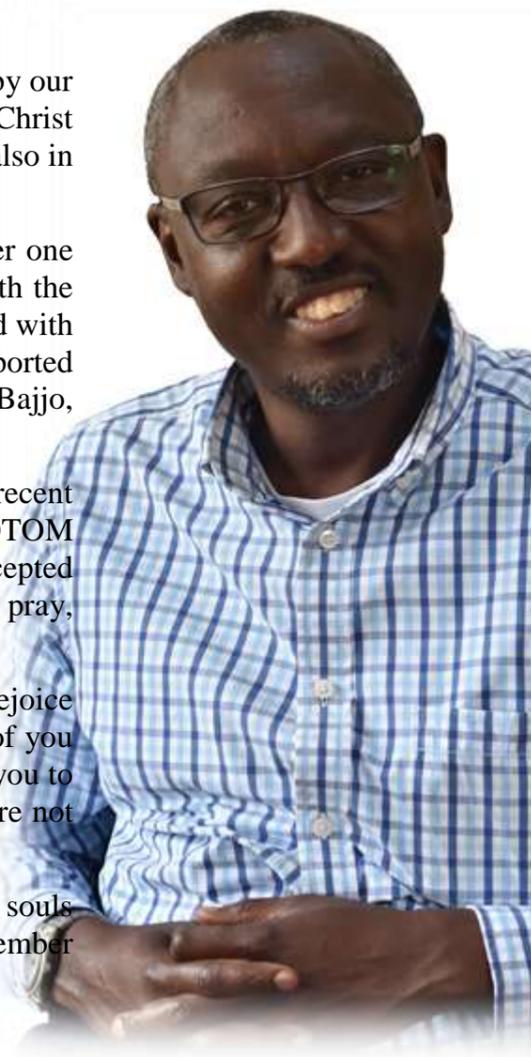
Since 2003 when ROTOM was founded, our number one goal has been to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with the older persons that God places in our care. It all started with holding fellowships with Elizabeth (our 1st supported senior) and a few of her friends in their community of Bajjo, in Mukono district of central Uganda.

Seventeen years later, it is exciting to read from our recent impact assessment report, that of the **947** ROTOM supported older persons in Uganda, **88.9%** have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour, **94.9%** can pray, and **78.8%** can share the gospel with others.

This causes a celebration on earth and in heaven. We rejoice with the seniors and the angels. We thank each one of you that have supported us to do this, and we encourage you to continue your generosity and prayers. Your efforts are not in vain.

Let us continue to rejoice and be glad for the many souls that are brought to Jesus Christ. Above all, let us remember His everlasting love that is always with us.

Kenneth E. Mugayehwenkyi



SUPPORT A SENIOR

For only **US\$ 38, CAD\$ 39, €25, £27 or UGX 100,000** a month, you can support a senior in Uganda. Your friendship allows a senior to:

- Hear a clear presentation of the gospel of Jesus Christ
- Participate in regular Christian support fellowships.
- Receive bi-weekly home visits from ROTOM staff and 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 letters every year from the senior they support.

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