

I visited a new Fellowship on Friday for a small group of Canadian-supported seniors who used to have to travel a long distance to one of the other locations where fellowships are held. Travelling on the Boda Boda (motorbike taxi) is challenging as they are getting older to sit on a motorbike.

The fellowship is called Sanga and is in a government school under construction. ROTOM is allowed to use the space for fellowship. It was lovely to see the familiar faces of those I have met many times before. They had no idea I was coming and were so joyful and told me they wondered where I was and how I had been affected by COVID. It had been the first fellowship for some time due to several factors. One is the cost of food which has increased a huge amount, and fuel for transportation is very high.

Teddy was present at the fellowship, and she is such a beautiful lady with a sweet smile. She was born in 1977 and certainly looks younger than her actual age.

She was pleased to see me and remembered my visit in 2019. She is so grateful for all that ROTOM has done for her over the years and especially her friend Blaine. She has a good house and an outside kitchen and a water tank which has been so amazing. During the rainy season (which is now) it fills well and she no longer has to struggle to get water.

She cares for four grandchildren. Mary thinks she is 17 years old and completed Senior 4 and is now taking a course in Tailoring. Lillian is 15 years old and in Senior 3, Eddy is 11 years old and Primary 4 and Elvis 9 years old Primary. Their parents work away from the region and send money for school fees. She then has Josephine who is 4 years old and does not attend school.

Her son is now a volunteer for the village and was at the fellowship. He does a great job.

She wants to thank her sponsor for the support and love he has provided for her in her life and how it has changed her and her family for the better. She sends her gratitude and prays for her sponsor's health and his family.

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