



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER JANUARY-MARCH 2025

# YOUTH IN CHRIST AFRICA

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## Greetings from YICA

Greetings from Uganda! We hope that you've had a wonderful last few months and that the LORD has kept you well!

The last few months have been especially HOT! But luckily in March the rains came back and have brought cooler weather. People are now planting crops for the upcoming growing season.

## Announcements

Online donations are up and running! We have partnered with International Messengers (IM) to help us receive donations. IM is a registered Christian organization in the US, and therefore all donations are now tax deductible. To donate, either go to our website, or click [here](#).

WE BOUGHT LAND! We were able to get a plot of land in Sironko that we are hoping to build an office on! Thank you to those who have supported us financially to make that happen!



## YICA Child

### Gathering Day

Our monthly Gathering Days have been well on their way as our team organizes the function. One of our recent gatherings happened on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March. The students heard the story of the blind man Bartimaeus receiving his sight. They also heard the short story of Jesus blessing the children. Carol explained to the children how we are to have faith when praying to Jesus and how he longs to bless his children.



### Parents Training

In February we were able to resume our Parents' Training! This year we are focusing our training on family development. We invited Pastor Amon Nabasa to come and lead our meeting. He spoke on the importance of unity as parents and how to set family goals. In Uganda, most couples don't share money, dreams, etc. They function very separately, which really poses a problem when it comes to development and unity as a family. One of the couples spoke up at the training and stated how they usually speak poorly to each other in front of the children, but that they now see the importance of keeping conflicts between them as a couple.



## YICA CHILD PRAYER POINTS

1. Please join us in prayer for sponsors of the children.
2. Please pray for the leaders of the program to know how to best teach the children, and advocate for them.
3. Please pray for the rain to not come when we have our monthly Gathering Day as it really effects the efficiency and punctuality of the program.





## Youth Chat

### Small Group Meetings

Our Youth Chat small group continues to meet twice a month and is now studying the book of Ephesians! Kelsey is leading them through the study and meets with 4 youth named Aidah, Caleb, Emma, and Derrick.

They began their study in January with an in depth study of the historic city of Ephesus to better understand the context in which the book was written. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, the group meets to discuss a section of scripture.

The beauty of the book of Ephesians, is that it gives a thorough explanation of humanity's state, Jesus' work on the cross, salvation and our transformation, and real life struggles. Each meeting is met with lots of discussions on those topics and with other questions posed by members.



## YOUTH CHAT PRAYER POINTS

1. Please join us in prayer for funding for the program, so that we may be able to get teaching materials. gather with the youth, and start new groups.
2. Please Pray for clarity as we begin the new year on how best to manage and grow the program.
3. Please pray for bonding and unity amongst the participants.



## High School Outreach

### Work at Townside High School

We continue to meet at Townside High School. During one of our sessions in March we discussed how to think win-win. The students were engaged with the teaching and also asked questions like how to deal with fellow students who are not cooperative or just want you to lose all the time. Hearing their concerns and questions as students gave us an idea to do small group work where they have to work together to solve real life issues involving compromise and conflict resolution. So our following session revolved around small group work. We split them in 4 groups of about 5 and gave them questions that required to find the best solution possible to a conflict. All groups discussed and later we gave them opportunities to come in front and share with the class about their findings. By the end of the session, student leaders had solved all the conflicts in the questions we gave them. The session went so well that the patron (a teacher who advocates for student leaders) asked us to hold a workshop at the school!



## High School Outreach Prayer Requests

1. For the Lord to continue to give wisdom to James as he leads and teaches the students.
2. For the Lord to provide means for us to hold a workshop at the school.





## A Closing Word

### A Special Note from the Magomu Family

Greetings Beloved Friends,

Thank you all for your continued love and support over the ministry! What an exciting start to the year we have had!

We are so excited to introduce you to our Regional Team Leader, Immaculate (see below)! She has been a big blessing and help to our administrative team!

As this year progresses, we have many hopes for YICA. We hope to continue to do our Parents' Training, take our Youth Chat on a trip to Sipi Falls, launch another Youth Chat group, hold multiple day workshops for the high school outreach, and to grow our teams. Please pray for us in these desires!

As a family, we also have many changes occurring. Please pray for our family in the next few months.

As always, we are so blessed by each of you and your faithfulness to us.

God Bless,  
James, Kelsey and Madelynn

## Introducing Immaculate



Immaculate Matanda has joined our administrative team as the Regional Team Leader. She is a Christian who is married to her husband Ali and has two children.

"I like YICA for the fact that the young people in humble have a chance to attain education. I like that our YICA Child program incorporates monthly Bible teaching."

We are so thankful for Immaculate and for the role she plays in YICA and how she inspires us, holds us accountable, and pushes our teams.