



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER JAN 2023- MARCH 2023

YOUTH IN CHRIST AFRICA

Impacting lives through loving, evangelizing, discipling, supporting and serving.



Greetings from YICA

Greetings from rainy Sironko and Mbale! The weather had been very hot in January and February and we welcome the cooler rainy weather! People have now begun digging in their gardens and have started planting for the first season of growing.

We also wish to send you our warmest Easter greetings! We praise the Lord for his work on the cross, and resurrection, and rejoice that through his sacrifice, we can know Him.

We have had a busy first quarter with lots to update you all on! We have had trainings, launches, and new teams! The Lord has been so faithful to provide for the needs we have and has been working!

Announcements

We have a goal of having 50% of our YICA Children being sponsored to some capacity. Please reach out if you are interested in sponsoring a child!

For anyone interested in serving with us (long term or short term), we will gladly have discussions with you over potential options! Please send us an email!

We will be having another school supply giveaway day for our YICA Child program at the end of May. If you would like to contribute to this, let us know!





YICA Child

Parent Training

One of the goals we have as an organization is to empower the local communities we serve in. This year we launched a new aspect of our YICA Child program: The Parents' Training. We have a hope and a goal to equip parents to be financially independent to where their children no longer need to be sponsored for school. We see our sponsorship program as a temporary assistance to these families, and have a goal to uplift and train the parents of the children in areas that contribute to poverty and financial independence. Some of the topics we teach are: optimizing farming, cash crops, personal financial management (saving, investing, and budgeting), job skills, overcoming addictions, solving interpersonal conflicts, and family management. We will hold a training every 3-4 months.

On the 10th of March we launched our first training with the parents. 36 of the parents attended our full day session. We used the morning to have a training on the program Farming God's Way. We partnered with Jenga who sent us a facilitator to lead the teaching and demonstrations. The trainer was very knowledgeable and was able to explain and show new techniques of farming (which parents are starting to do in their gardens!). In the afternoon, James and Kelsey Magomu led a session on the importance of savings and ways to save. The parents were engaged all throughout the training and we very appreciative. One father said at the end of the training, "Organizations always forget about us parents, and it's important for us to be trained and for us to work together."





Youth Chat

Mbale Launch

Thank you to those who joined us in praying for leaders to emerge in our various programs, because the Lord has answered! We are happy to welcome Francis and Dorothy Oluka to YICA as the Youth Chat Coordinators. They joined us in January and are working with James and Kelsey Magomu to develop the program.

While we had focused on our youth chat program in Buyobo last year, this year we are focusing on developing it in Mbale City. We held a Youth Chat launch on the 11th of March, where we invited various youths (ages 18-28) from various churches to come and hear our vision for the program, play games, and get to know each other. We will hold a Youth Chat gathering once a month.

Youth Chat aims to create a space for youth to:

- a. Develop their relationship with God, mentors, and peers
- b. Develop scriptural knowledge and interpretation
- c. Develop life skills
- d. Offer community service



Meet the Olukas



"Hello! We are Francis and Dorothy Oluka. We are born again Christians who are happily married with one son. We live in Eastern Uganda in Mbale. It has been our longing and desire to inspire and impact our world and the younger generation. When YICA threw an opportunity towards us to serve, our hands were widely open to embrace it. We want to say its an honor to be co-builders for this noble vision. It is our deep, sincere prayer that our lives my leave a lasting impact, even on generations to come. "

Francis and Dorothy Oluka, Youth Chat Coordinators