

Greetings from YICA

"Today in the town of David, a savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

Merry Christmas and happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful, joyous and fulfilling holiday season! We are full of joy and thankfulness for the remembrance of Christ's birth. In Uganda, Christmas and New Years are ushered in with lots of prayer, worship and fasting. We, as a team, have given thanks to the Lord for his goodness, provision, and mercy over our ministry this last year, and have dedicated the new year unto the Lord. We have lots of hopes and dreams for this new year that we are excited to share with you all!



Announcements

For those of you interested in donating to YICA, we will have an online donation option setup on our website by the end of January!

For anyone interested in serving with us, 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 January. If you would like to contribute to this, let us know!



YICA Child

Christmas Baskets

This year, our YICA Child team came up with an idea to bless and care for the families in the YICA Child program! Our team desired that each child in our program would have Christmas essentials for the holiday. We generated a list of items we thought our 36 families could use- rice, sugar, cooking oil, salt, soap, and smearing oil. Through the unbelievable generosity of our God through you, we were able to make **50** baskets!!! The extra baskets were given to members of the community whom our team thought could use this blessing.

So on December 20th, we held a gathering day to share about the ultimate gift of Christ, and to give out the baskets!

This simple act really blessed our families, and the joy and appreciation was evident. We give all the glory to God!











A Note from Simon...

"Praise God everyone. I thank God for keeping us well throughout 2022 and I appreciate God for YICA.

There are two things I like about YICA. One, YICA is full of love. Two, YICA cares for those around. I have been visiting homes of the children in our YICA Child program and both parents and guardians of these children are very happy. They appreciate the support given to the young ones.

Personally, I pray for provision in 2023 and for God's grace, so that we may be able to continue supporting the young ones as YICA."

Gyabi Simon- YICA Child Home Visit Facilitator.



Our New Year's Needs

Sponsorship

Out of the 36 children in our program, 33 need sponsors. Our team of volunteers faithfully contribute their own money to provide for the children, but we need more sponsors to cover the costs and to grow the program more.

We have developed an updated list of our sponsorship stages. If you are interested in sponsoring a child through the program, we can send you the document and help you make the right choice of support! Please join us in prayer for financial provision over this aspect of the program.

Teams



We are in need of developing and forming various teams. We spent much time this last year developing our YICA Child team, which is now fully operational and independent. We desire to focus on forming our Youth Chat team, High School Outreach team, and Church Leaders Training Team. Please join us in prayer for the right people to join us and for these teams to grow and develop. Also pray for finances to come in to help run these programs and give our volunteers resources needed.

If you are interested in joining one of our teams or financially contributing to team needs, please reach out to us.

Some New Year's Goals

- 1. To reach 50% sponsorship of the children in YICA Child.
- 2.To develop the Youth Chat team in Mbale and gain momentum with the program.
- 3. To hold a youth conference.
- 4. To hold 2 Church Leader's Trainings.
- 5. To provide a retreat and training for our teams.
- 6. To purchase land for an office.

If you would like to partner with us in any of these, please reach out and we would happily discuss some opportunities with you!

