



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER JULY 2022- SEPTEMBER 2022

# YOUTH IN CHRIST AFRICA

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## Greetings from YICA

Greetings from Uganda! We hope you are well.

Mbale and Sironko has been fine overall. However, in July, there was much rain, and it caused serious flooding. It caught everyone by surprise, and devastation came quickly. 23 people died due to the flooding and mudslides. Some cars were washed off the road, bodas swept away, bridges broken, and homes destroyed.

The Ugandan government estimates that 80 people lost their homes, 800 homes were damaged, and 5000 acres of food ruined.

Please remain in prayer over those effected by the floods.

## General Program Updates

July:

- YICA Child Gathering and home visits
- Youth Chat Gathering

August:

- Sponsor Visit
- Church Leaders Training
- YICA Child Gathering and home visits
- YICA Child Give Away Day
- Youth Chat Gathering

September:

- YICA Child Gathering and home visits
- Youth Chat Gathering
- NGO Registration Permit Renewal Approved for 5 years!







## YICA Child

### A Special Visitor

In August, we had a special visitor! One of our long time donors and sponsors named Kathy, came to visit YICA and meet her sponsor child, Josephine. Kathy has sponsored Josephine for 4 years, and their meeting was met with hugs and joy.



Kathy arrived with some friends and our YICA Child team took them to Josephine's school and to her home to introduce them to Josephine's family and other YICA Child children.



Coffee being a major cash crop in the region, our team was able to show Kathy and the other visitors how people locally harvest, prepare, and roast coffee.

We also prepared a table full of traditional food to share with them such as matoke (a type of plantain), rice, chicken, beef, greens, potatoes, and malaiwa (bamboo).

Josephine and Kathy were able to spend the whole day together, and exchanged gifts with one another. Kathy left, leaving all our hearts full of encouragement.

## A Note from Kathy...

"The day I got to meet Josephine and the YICA team is a day that I will never forget. I have been sponsoring Josephine for 4 years. It was amazing to get to meet her in person, see her school and the house I helped build, and meet her family. The words of appreciation spoken and gifts given by Josephine's father and mother were overwhelming and humbling.

At the school, a group of children in the YICA Child program greeting us with songs. It was wonderful to meet the YICA team, hear about the school program, and see the team in action. Many thanks to the YICA team for all you do for Josephine and the other children in the program and for making time with Josephine a day that will forever hold a special place in my heart."







## Give Away Day

At the end of August, we had a Give Away Day. We do this at the beginning of each term to supply children with school supplies for the new upcoming term. Regardless of sponsorship stage, we diligently try to provide school supplies for the children in our program.

Our team gathered the children and called the parents to join. While the children had their regular Gathering, the parents met with our Director and YICA Child Coordinator to discuss the process, expectations, and to share additional information regarding the program.

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.



Pictured above: A few of the recipients.  
Pictured right: Our director discussing with parents



## A Christmas Wish

As the Christmas season is approaching, our YICA Child team has a hope to support the local families in our program by supplying a Christmas food basket to each of them. Costs of living has severely increased in Uganda, and in an effort to help make sure each family has some basic needs met, our team raised the idea of providing a simple Christmas food basket. Our hope is to include rice, sugar, tea, salt, soap, and smearing oil. Each basket is estimated to cost around \$8.50 or 30,000 UGX. Truthfully, we really need partners to join us to provide these items. Most of our programs are funded by the team themselves (which we count a great joy!), but we need others to join with us in the vision and the burden.

If you are interested in financially supporting this endeavor, please reach out to us at our email on the bottom of the page, and we will coordinate with you how best to contribute.







## Church Leaders Training

In August, we held a 3 day church leaders training with church members from Buyobo Chosen Church. We called for 10 leaders to come to Mbale to stay over the weekend.

The emphasis of this training was building healthy relationships with the "4 Persons." Person 1 is the Lord. We discussed with leaders how to have quiet time, how to read the Bible and use its resources, and understanding prayer and fasting. Person 2 is the family. We discussed the importance of being present in your family, ministering to your family, and being a supportive spouse and parent. Person 3 represents the church. We discussed how to create healthy boundaries in the church, how to lead the church, how to start small groups, and living out Biblical leadership. Person 4 represents the greater community. We learned how to share the Gospel, how to reach out to the community, and how to be a light around.

We had various facilitators who came to teach. Local ministers, local missionaries, and teachers all came to lead discussions with the Buyobo Chosen Church group. We found facilitators of various backgrounds to come and lead discussions.

At the end of the training, we supplied each church leader with a study Bible and certificate. Joy was abundant.



## A Note from our Director

"Recently I went to my uncle's burial and I was amazed how many people had been touched to follow Christ Jesus and join Ministry because of his life and ministry. But 61 years ago when he begun active ministry, much of the conditions around were not perfect ranging from standards of living, modes of transport, level of literacy, financial provisions, weather conditions, security, health systems to ministry resources. These were real factors, but when God called him, he begun the journey straight forward. As YICA, we have and will continue to obey and do the calling we heard from God on the 20th June 2014, even when all situations are not perfect yet. There is much we shall never know or have control over but only God will. I would love to encourage all of us to take small steps of faith to walk into the big place (calling) that the Lord is calling you to. I also want to welcome you to join YICA ministry if you feel called to do so. Your addition to this ministry could be God working to make certain situations better or even perfect for us to continue to impact lives through loving, evangelizing, discipling, supporting and serving. We can't make situations perfect for ministry, but coming together can make ministry perfect for situations." Farmers who wait for perfect weather never plant. If they watch every cloud, they never harvest. Ecclesiastes 11:4 - NLT

