

NOAH'S ARK CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UGANDA



CHRISTMAS BASKETS 2023

What a joy to replicate what we have always done for many years. Necessities like a bar of soap, cooking oil, beans, rice, maize flour, tealeaves, matooke (green bananas) etc. all packaged in a basin are handed to the beneficiaries of our programs.

Like our School sponsored children in Mukono, Kalagala community school sponsored children (our new education program) managed to take home a Christmas basket as well.

Because of our well-wishers, the high prices of food didn't stop us from sharing the joy that Christmas brings.

For the Nutrition beneficiaries, we added soya porridge, which is a valuable source of protein very essential to the malnourished children.

This program takes 2 weeks of preparation and 1 week of distribution to different beneficiaries.

Like year 2022, Uganda was experiencing a wet season; even muddy roads and a heavy down pour didn't stop the beneficiaries from coming for their baskets.

On that day, we were able to remind our Education program beneficiaries of their responsibility i.e., parents ensuring children come to school as well as calling them up for more participation as a way of creating ownership.

As a culture, our children organized a Christmas musical to share the message of Christmas, thereafter; the baskets were handed over to the joyful parents.

The coffee farmers, jajjas (the elderly) plus our staff were part of the recipients of the Christmas baskets. Because of your support, we were able to give out 900 Christmas baskets. May God bless you.



Above, the beneficiaries



Above, a family after receiving their basket.



Above, the beneficiaries trekking home with their

A quote from a parent

"This is good service delivery, things like these are hardly mentioned".

baskets.



Malnutrition Christmas baskets

A week before Christmas as a tradition, we call back all our Nutrition beneficiaries to our facilities both Mukono and Kalagala to share a message of hope. This is done in form of a Christmas musical presented by the Children under the care of Noah's Ark Children's home. On this day we paid a tribute to the founder of this program mama Pita Buitendijk who was also in the audience. The other purpose of calling the Nutrition beneficiaries back is;

- i. A source of encouragement that they are not alone.
- ii. Restoration of hope from the former beneficiaries that have fully recovered.
- iii. Winning more ambassadors / mobilisers to ensure continuity of the program.
- iv. Calling them back also helps us to do early detection. Here, Screening is done to see how they are doing, in case of those that relapse, they are put back in the program.

Health education is provided in form of a reminder to feed the children on time especially with foods rich in proteins.

Fortunately, majority of the children recover well. This activity was carried out in both Mukono and Kayunga districts.

Because of your support, we were able to give out 350 Christmas baskets to this program.

May God bless you.



Above, the Christmas musical presented by our children.



Above, the beneficiaries of the malnutrition Program Watching the Christmas musical with mama. Above right, screening of a malnourished child.



Above, health education to the mothers. Above right, Happy mothers going back home with their baskets.