

CHRISTMASS GATHERINGS 2020

Introduction:

Due to COVID-19 Pandemic, we couldn't hold the usual annual children's camp. Christmas gathering was decided on as an alternative. The gatherings were in seven different centres. The numbers in each centre depended on the accessibility of the children to the venue. We planned it in way that none of the children was inconvenienced because of distance. The theme for the gatherings was got from Philippians: 4:13 *"I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength"*

Meetings

In all our gatherings we started at 9:00 AM, with a snack. Lunch was served at 1:30 PM. There were basically two lessons. The teaching on the theme emphasized the importance of having Christ as a power that creates patience and assurance for the future and confidence amidst challenges. The children responded with many of them giving their lives to Jesus.

It was a thrilling moment. We too as facilitators were more blessed as we kept ministering to the children. We learnt that it's the unseen that is secure but all the seen things disappear with time. God answered our prayer for meeting children and we did more than we planned. Glory to God.

Meals

The meals were comprised of sweet bananas, cooked bananas (matooke), chapati, rice, meat, chicken, sodas and Christmas cakes at all centres. Children who arrived in time were honored with big pieces of cakes and cutting of the same.



Send off

On the 19/12/2020, the final gathering was held at CCP, where five students on apprenticeship were sent off. There were two carpenters, 2 fashion and design and one motor vehicle mechanic. These particular ones were not affected by the lock down. We are grateful to our partners for all the support. All these went away with a start up kit. Glory to God.



Gifts

The gifts for all children included; a T-shirt, 10kg of rice, a bar of soap, 1kg of sugar and cash of 25000/= (*twenty five thousand shillings*). New, children on the programme received a mattress in addition to the other gifts. It was an exciting moment for children, guardians and CCP-CWD staff.



Achievement.

87 children gave their lives to the lord.
Children received Christmas gifts
All children got packages for Christmas for their families
New children received mattresses
The children heard the word of God
Children enjoyed meals
Most children attended the gathering
Children were very happy for this kind of gathering.
Conclusion

As an institution, we are so grateful to God and our partners for facilitating this great event. Our joy, the children's joy and the guardians' gratitude cannot be explained. All we can say is glory to God.

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