



Happenings Around Hope of Africa

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Visitors

Heather and Kelsie brought warmth to the community of SAY Land through their active participation in various activities and cultural exchanges. They were involved in construction projects, youth programs, village explorations, and cultural immersions.

Kelsie's genuine curiosity led her to explore Gimbo village and its neighboring communities, where her fascination with the local wildlife, especially the playful monkeys, added joy to their discoveries.



The arrival of Pastor Dave in Uganda further enriched our shared experiences. Pastor Dave, Kelsie, and Heather visited the AWANA center, shedding light on our community initiatives.



Subsequently, Joseph and Bernard joined the team, followed by Matthew. Matthew's stay culminated in a hands-on carpentry project where he, alongside Kelsie and our dedicated youth, crafted benches for our community tent—a tangible symbol of collaboration and shared goals.



Their visit, alongside others like Pastor Dave, Joseph, Bernard, and Matthew, had a lasting impact on the community, fostering friendships and cherished memories.



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Camp

The camp focused on Self-Development, with mentorship and networking chosen as key discussion topics for the youth. A special camp was held at the Wakiso Rockstone Gardens to offer the youth exposure to a new environment beyond Gimbo village, encouraging networking opportunities.



The event was tailored for youth involved in SAY programs and community cell groups, with a total of 35 participants. We were honored to have Rotaract Wakiso partners join us and were thrilled to welcome Morris Kabuye, a Mentorship and Networking expert, as our esteemed guest speaker. After the training, sponsored by Hope of Africa donors, the youth participated in enjoyable social games before heading home.



New Tent

We extend our sincere thanks to our kind donors for their contributions towards acquiring a new tent. Thanks to their generous support, the Learning Center now has a new home. This tent will also provide additional space to accommodate the growing number of young people participating in the monthly community camps. The boys enjoyed setting up and securing the tent's foundation for more comfortable gatherings, particularly during the rainy season. Additionally, with the assistance of our visitors Matt and Kelsie, the boys collaborated to construct benches for the tent.



Check out this video of the woodworking



Cell Groups

After a recent meeting with the cell group coordinators, a detailed plan was created to launch cell group initiatives. In their respective villages, young members gathered in assigned cell groups, with initial meetings focusing on introducing innovative program enhancements.



Guided by Alex, the program facilitator, visits were made to all four cell groups. The key message conveyed during these visits highlighted the broader purpose of these groups, extending beyond leadership development. The focus was on utilizing these groups as platforms for teaching vocational and entrepreneurial skills, alongside nurturing leadership qualities.

Moreover, it was stressed that participation in these cells was aimed at individuals committed to personal growth and transformation, motivating the youth to actively engage in the sessions.



Prayer Requests and Praises

- Jackie one of our youths' mom is sick and we would like to pray for her healing.
- Deborah one of our team members has a sister who went to work in the Arab countries. Pray that the Lord will protect her.
- We also want to put our visitors into God's hands for safety, provision and protection.
- We would like to continue praying for our volunteers for God to empower them, and give them Grace to serve.