

News Brief

FORGOTTEN VILLAGE NO LONGER FORGOTTEN

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Once Barnabas Mwesiga and 25 GSSM students left Muymba, a small Ugandan Village nestled in the foothills of the snow-capped Rwenzori mountains, *nothing would ever be quite the same.*

- ✓ After **5 days** of sports programs, games, a Christmas dinner and party complete with a birthday cake plus the distribution of Family Food Packs, Kids Kits containing shoes, clothing and toys along with other activities the villagers were left breathless. **Nothing like this had ever happened before.**
- ✓ **But the most exciting news and the biggest change came when 99 adults and children embraced the Christ child to be their Lord and Saviour.**
- ✓ **3 GSSM students** from Kabale, about an hours drive from Muymba, have already established an **ongoing sports ministry program** for the village and will be involved in the follow-up of these 99 new believers, about 1/3 of the population of the village.

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- **Nearby villages** will also be targeted as more Kabale students carry the **Good News** to people desperately in need of the hope that only our Saviour can provide.

✓ Barnabas' Observation...

“The Christmas meal was a pleasant moment to see. Kids, in an orderly manner lined up and were served first. Later they were invited to go back for more food which they did. As they had “seconds” some were heard making some comments...”

- “I am feeling happy to eat rice (with vegetables) and even meat.”
- “Mummy, should I eat all of this and finish it?” (Rather than save some food for later when they might not have any)
- “You people of God”, one elderly woman commented, “How can we thank you for this meal?”

- ✓ When Barnabas called the people to him after they finished their meal, he announced that there would be (birthday) cake to “crown” the meal. He went on to say that you should have been there to record the excitement and the happiness both the young and old expressed! Another villager commented, *“We shall ever remember this Christmas of 2015.”* *“Would you come again next year and visit us?”*, still another inquired.



On behalf of GSSM,
Thank you for making this
Christmas outreach possible.
The entire village was overwhelmed
by this show of **Christ's love**
and will never be the same.



IN OTHER NEWS

- ✓ A **three day sports ministry seminar for 45 pastors in Malawi** will be hosted by a GSSM graduate and one of GSSM's current students who is set to graduate in the later part of March. Both students are pastors and are wasting no time to help establish more and more sports ministry programs in churches throughout Malawi and beyond. GSSM is supplying a number of the resources that will be used in the seminar.

- ✓ **"Ebenezer" group that recently was formed in Uganda** and is comprised mostly of GSSM graduates is off and running. This group meets monthly for prayer, Bible study and fellowship along with the planning of a series of outreach programs. In addition, they will also train other leaders in the use of sports as a tool for evangelism and discipleship. GSSM African director, Barnabas Mwesiga, helps facilitate this group who have an overwhelming desire "to GO and MAKE disciples". As of this writing several programs of outreach have already taken place with scores of people responding to the Good News. Follow-up programs are in place.

Once again, thank you for your prayers and support of GSSM. I stand in awe as more and more individuals are contacting us wanting to enroll in our training program. Your prayers and much needed help is deeply appreciated as God leads and enables you. We are so grateful for your willingness to be a part of the team.



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Blessings!

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