

GLOBAL SCHOOL OF SPORTS MINISTRY

NEWS BRIEF

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Easter Outreach UPDATE!!!

We just received the update from the recent Easter outreach and just had to share! Wow...God truly moved in a huge way.

Here are the highlights!

- The Easter Outreach was run by the Ebenezer Team, 12 youth whom they mentor, 3 GSSM students from different areas of Uganda and one referee to help with the soccer matches.
- During the 5 day event, **the team would participate in community service** where they would clean up trash, cut back brush and help in any other way that was needed each day. A number of locals expressed their appreciation and twice local leaders brought them water to show their thankfulness. **During this exercise, 2 people came to the Lord!**
- **The team also put on youth soccer clinics** which were well attended and, during the course of their time there, **81 youth players gave their lives to Christ.**
- They also put on several soccer matches where eight teams participated.
- On the second day **the GSSM team was “ambushed by soldiers demanding to have a game with them”**. This mid-morning game ended in 11 goals to 1 in favor of the GSSM team!
- Later, the team faced the local Roman Catholic Church leaders who accused them of bringing the wrong faith to the area and that their presence was dangerous. But **God had the ultimate victory because of the team's faithfulness... two of the members of the Catholic church came to Christ!**



- **Over the course of 5 days, 42 additional souls were redeemed after the matches.**
- The video program had poor attendance due to a COVID 19 curfew but 19 people still gave their lives to Christ afterward! **The team said that “the video show still holds a big impact on the viewers.”**
- Family & Children Gift Packs were distributed amongst the poorest of the poor identified by our local GSSM student and pastor, Simon. One comment that stood out to me in this report is that the community was encouraged by GSSM's generosity and said that **this was a “true representation of God’s church.” Wow... what a testimony!**
- 15 more people came to the Lord after the children’s packs were distributed.



- **The Village Easter meal and celebration was met with strong opposition** from the local Catholic Church who attempted to shut down the event. But God always wins. In fact, our GSSM team was overwhelmed by the huge turnout by the entire community.
- Prior to the special gathering, the team was praying that God would stop the storm that was moving in so they could move forward with the meal and event, **one of our own youth team members gave their life to Christ after he saw God perform the miracle of stopping the rain!** So awesome, right!!!! God hears us and honors those who honor him!
- More than 300 people turned out for the community meal and the team only planned for 250 but God once again provided! **They had not only enough food but enough for many of the children to have second and third helpings!**
- All in all, 161 people came to Christ at the Kabale Easter Outreach! May all the praise and glory go to the Lord. Please pray with us, the GSSM team and Simon (on the ground in Kabale) that God would grow their faith and use them to further His Kingdom!
- **The entire GSSM team would like to thank you, our supporters, for making this outreach possible. Without your help, the 161 souls who invited Christ into their lives would not have heard the Good News of Jesus! May God truly bless those of you who prayed for and were able to assist us with this outreach!**

IN OTHER NEWS

Our administration staff member and Director of Student Relations Aimee Blanks is celebrating her 6th year working with GSSM. She has, for the last 6 years, been working and being paid as a “part-time” employee while truly, she has been working full-time and performing a full-time job. She currently is our registrar and processes all applicants for the school. Aimee also sends and receives all lessons and coordinates the instructors with their students. She has also taken on the responsibility of processing the donation receipts and thank you letters. **I would like to ask you to pray that God would provide the necessary means of support to cover the increase in her salary.**



I am confident in God’s provision and know He will provide exactly what she needs. He has shown his faithfulness over and over again. I can’t think of someone more deserving! Aimee stepped in and helped with the students when my mom got sick to alleviate the stress on me to step into my mom's role as well as continue to carry on my responsibilities. **She has continued to show outstanding leadership while I was on maternity leave.** I was aware that spending that sweet time with our newest addition was important and I was able to enjoy that time knowing GSSM was well taken care of in my absence. God truly has provided GSSM with an amazing team through Aimee and Sequoi. I couldn’t ask for a better US staff to continue to enabling our GSSM international office to run efficiently and effectively.

Would you prayerfully consider supporting Aimee? She is in need of an additional \$1,283 a month to meet her salary needs. Thank you in advance for first of all praying over her and the entire GSSM staff. God is moving in the hearts of many who are hurting and in need of our Lord. Because of the faithfulness of the GSSM team and you, our incredible supporters, all of this is possible!

If you would like to support Aimee, please visit Globalssm.org/donate and select "Aimee Blanks Support"

A special note of congratulations to Isaac, one of the Ebenezer Team members, and GSSM staff as he was recently engaged and will be getting married on July 3rd. Please be praying over him and his future wife that God would bless them and use them to continue the good work of the Lord.



Right: Isaac and his fiancée, Angella Namuddu. Isacc shared, "She is a follower of Jesus, a teacher and youth leader in her church and choir member of the church!"



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