

NEWS BRIEF

SPECIAL REPORT: *CHRISTMAS IN A PAIR OF MUSLIM SLUMS*



- GSSM Students and staff join GSSM graduate Jimmy to bring the Good News to hundreds...

Comment from Slum Residents:

- "Who are we that you should consider us to benefit from all of this?"
- "Only God can be praised for this!"
- "Thank you for letting us celebrate Jesus' birth with such pomps!"

Just days before Christmas 2014, GSSM students from Kabale, Gulu and Kampala converged upon two large slums on the edge of the capital city of Uganda to conduct a major outreach. Led by Barnabas Mwesiga, GSSM's African Director along with one of Global's graduates, Jimmy, the team spent four days conducting a variety of programs that broke down long standing barriers in these two, principally Muslim communities.

***Don't Miss the
PHOTO REPORT
that follows!***

Comment from Slum Parent:

"I have been reluctant to give you my child but now I will give you all my children to train and care for".

Comment from Slum Pastor:

"Pastors make crusades by first making all kinds of advertisements, etc., but never has the number of people turned out like this...and on such short notice. This a noble ministry, simple but effective."

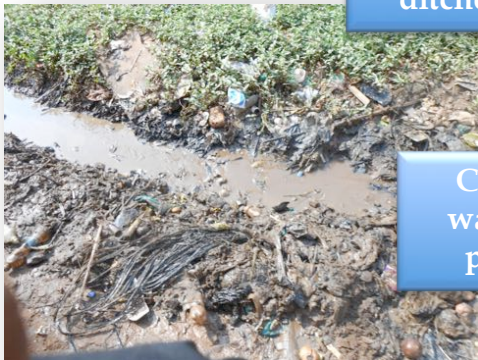
COMMUNITY SERVICE: GSSM Students pick up trash, clean water and sewer channels...some children join in.



Picking up trash, clearing clogged drainage ditches; children



Clearing ditches not easy.



Cleaning disease ridden water/ sewer channels not pleasant but necessary.



Water/ sewer channel cleared!

VIDEO OUTREACH:

“Jesus” film shown in the evening hours touched scores of people.



Children from Kawempe slum enjoy their first ever Christmas party



Children enjoying a meal at the Christmas party

Children rarely get soft drinks...but celebrating Christmas was special



Some of the children showing off their new shoes...for some their very first pair!

Letters from the Children

- "I am writing to thank you for my shoes and loving me"
Iran (age 11)
- "I am very happy for the shoes I have got. Thank you for everything you have done for us as children. May God be with you and your family."
Harriet (age 10)
- "Thank you for buying me shoes"
David (age 10)



Sports Programs/Sharing *The Good News*



Organizing games for children at Kawempe slum; GSSM students standing by ready to help.

Sharing the Good News - Kawempe slum



Organizing games at Kamwokya slum



Kids Games (games that teach biblical principles at Kamwokya slum.

Community Christmas Party

Over 300 attend, enjoy a wonderful meal.
Gospel and Christmas story shared.



Slum residents served a special meal of rice, beef, vegetables, samosas, soft drinks and cake. Most were stunned by this gesture of love.



Children line up to be served....



Children & adults alike enjoying the Christmas party.



Barnabas (right) helping to serve samosas & cake.

Family Packs/Kids Kits

Delivered to those with greatest needs.

GSSM leaders and students pray with recipients upon each delivery.

Many respond to the Gospel and embrace Christ as their Lord and Saviour.



Christmas Family Packs consist of matoke, meat, sugar, salt, soap, ground nuts and other staples. Kids Kits contain clothes, shoes, sweets (candy) and a small toy.



GSSM students pack Family Packs & Kids Kits



This slum family received both a Family Pack & Kids Kit



This single parent in the Kamewokya slum has numerous health problems including a serious issue with her right hand. Unable to work she still has to provide for her young family. The Family Pack & Kids Kits were a great blessing to her.

On behalf of GSSM students and staff along with all of those whom we minister, thank you for making it possible for us to train new leaders and to share the Good News with those in such great need. May your New Year be filled with God's blessings!

Sincerely!
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