



Christmas In a Forgotten Village



REJOICE!

Why? Because God cares...and is sending some of His people to make this Christmas very special.

- You *live* in the bush
- Poverty is everywhere
- No one seems to care
- **Christmas?**
Just another day to try and survive.



Suddenly a van pulls into the village....

Van doors open...GSSM students from Kampala, Kabale, Mbarara, Gulu and Kenya fill the village commons with their leader, *Barnabas Mwesiga*, leading the way.

Following traditional greetings,

the visitors move back to the van and are armed with a variety of tools. Immediately the GSSM students fan out and begin a well-planned cleaning of the village.

- Weeds are slashed
 - Water sources and drainage ditches are cleaned out
 - Trash and garbage is picked up
- The commons dirt field sprinkled with weeds is attacked and soon a rough hewn soccer field emerges
- Goal posts made of tree limbs are repaired and put into place



What's going on?

The word gets out...a soccer match will be played later in the day.

And the Excitement BUILDS

Children race about...their **village is being transformed**. During the next 5 days this sleepy, **forgotten village will come alive** as games and activities for children and adults alike bring laughter and a warmth not known for years.

RUMOR has it that there will be a **party...**a **Christmas party...**for the **entire** village!

Is it really true?

It appeared to many that God sent His angels...many are crying...tears of joy stream down their cheeks.





Then they learn: *THE PARTY IS FOR REAL!*

It is not a rumor. All are invited. A **special meal** for everyone...all you can eat! Even a birthday cake will be served at the end to **celebrate the birth of a child** many years ago... **God's son, the King of Kings, Lord of Lord's.**

At the party we are told that these incredible **visitors will tell us all about this child** whose birthday we are celebrating.

And so a **forgotten village will surge with hope** as our **GSSM students share the Good News and demonstrate God's love.**

AND THAT'S NOT ALL!!!



Kids Kits

For the poorest of the poor will be distributed...

Clothes, shoes and even a sweet and a toy for those children in rags or wearing nothing at all.

FAMILY PACKS

Will be given to those families in greatest need...some at the doorstep of starvation.

The **Family Packs** will be filled with much needed food, a Bible and a small gift. When each pack is delivered the **Gospel** will be shared and an opportunity to become part of God's family will be offered to each of the family members.



FOLLOW-UP...

Students in the region along with some of our **GSSM leaders** will return after this special visit to help **establish programs of sports ministry, discipleship programs** and **assistance** in developing a means to sustain the villagers and help them escape the extreme poverty that envelops them.

You can help share the **Good News** to an entire village...**assist** the poorest of the poor and **make it possible** for a GSSM student to gain valuable **“hands on” experience...**

as they put into practice the very things they are learning through GSSM's 18-month training program.



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HERE'S HOW...



- **Kids Kits**.....\$20 per child

Contains clothes, shoes, toys, sweets, Christian literature for children.

- **Family Food Packs**.....\$30 per pack

Filled with a variety of staples including Matoke, rice, beans, flour, cooking oil and other food items to sustain a family for several weeks. Also includes Christian literature.

- **Christmas Party**.....\$10 per person

A complete meal including birthday cake, a soft drink, a small gift and Christian literature.

- **Assistance for GSSM**

students.....\$85 per student

Transportation, room, board, equipment for 5 days.



Thank you in advance for
your much needed help
for this major outreach.
Your thoughtful support
as God leads and enables
you is greatly
appreciated.

BLESSINGS!

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