

Recabites Youth Ministries International



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Dear friends/sponsors of the Recabites,

It is already two months back since we last updated you about the work of our organisation. First, we want to thank you for your prayers and donations. We see it as an encouragement to continue the path that we are taking. A lot has happened the last few months. We started a new project amongst other things. In this newsletter you will find information on this new project and the other activities.



Piggery project

On the 24th of January one of our two pigs gave birth to four piglets (three female and one male). We thank the Lord that after the disappointment of last year everything now went smoothly, as all the piglets are healthy and are growing well. They already got their first vaccination and soon they will be less dependent on the milk and will start eating food. With this project we want to teach the youth in Kalungami what farming looks like in practice. For this, it is necessary as an organisation to also have some animals ourselves. As now only four piglets were born, we decided to keep these pigs ourselves. With this, we can first expand our own farm. We hope that soon the two adult pigs will become pregnant again. The piglets that will be born later will be handed out to the youth to help them generate an income.



Tailoring project

Last year we asked a group of girls in Kalungami what they would like to learn. Besides rearing pigs and chicken they also mentioned tailoring amongst other things. Therefore, we decided to start raising funds for a tailoring project. Right now, we received the first donations for this school. 'Coincidentally' a suitable building, situated opposite of our ministry land, came available. After praying, we decided not to first continue saving for our own building, but to first rent this building. The coming weeks we will purchase second hand tailoring machines, tables, chairs, paper (in Uganda they often first practice with paper) and other materials. At this moment we do not have money to pay the teachers. Will you pray with us so that we will find the right volunteers to teach the tailoring classes?

Savings group project

We see that we are getting more connected to the community in Kalungami. In the beginning of 2021, we organised a gathering where around 25 women from the village were present to think about starting a savings group. During this gathering, the importance of saving was explained and what membership of a savings group entails. The women were enthusiastic, and the savings group started the same gathering. As an encouragement we as individuals are also saving with them. Every week the women gather to give their contributions, to share ideas and to encourage each other to keep on saving. The start went on well: during the second gathering a bigger amount was saved than during the first week. We hope that in the course of the year we will manage to give out the first loans.

In conclusion

We are really grateful that more possibilities arise to help the community in Kalungami to work on their own future. Circumstances, like the availability of a suitable building for our tailoring project, confirm us in our choice to work in Kalungami. The challenge remains to raise enough funds: due to the expansion of our farm with four piglets more food is necessary for the animals, and for practicing in the tailoring project funds will continue to be needed to buy materials. We are aware that without God's help none of this is possible. Do you want to keep us in prayer?

Connected in Christ,
Anifu, Ben-Alex, Elise, Joel and William

WHAT IS A SAVINGS GROUP?

A lot of families barely have money at home and especially they often don't have financial reserves in case of setbacks or funds to invest. Because of this, it can be really difficult to escape poverty. To give poor households access to financial means a savings group can offer solutions.

A savings group contains of around 20 people. The group members gather weekly and contribute a small amount to save. This saved amount is used for a group investment or a loan to a group member. With this loan someone can start a business for example.

Thanks:

- Birth of the 4 piglets and that they are healthy
- Donations and the available building for the tailoring project
- The start of the savings project and that the women are enthusiastic

Prayer:

- New pregnancies for the two adult pigs
- Volunteers who can teach in tailoring
- For the women to persevere during this savings phase
- Fundraising

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