Recabites Youth Ministries International



Dear friends/sponsors of the Recabites,

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The turn of the year is always a good moment to reflect and to look forward. We will do this in our last newsletter of 2021 where will share about our different projects.

<u>Piggery project</u>

In 2021 a piggery disease ruled in Uganda which caused many pigs to die. We are glad that our pigs were saved from this, and our project still exists. In the beginning of the year the piglets gave birth to a few male piglets. Because of this, we could not yet hand out piglets as we wanted. A few weeks back new piglets were born, now also female piglets. We hope that in the beginning of 2022 we can hand out the first piglets to some youth in Kalungami. To give these youth a good start, we will organise a few information sessions, so they know what to take into account while taking care of their pig. Also, they can of course expect guidance from the project once they have received their pig. The piggery project thus started a bit slower as wished, but 2022 is looking bright.

Tailoring project



The tailoring project has grown fast this year. It is hard to imagine that the tailoring school only started this year, as the girls are visiting the project regularly and it is already known in Kalungami. It is great to see that the girls have made a lot of progress and are now managing the basics of making and altering clothes. At this moment the students are having a Christmas break and mid-January they will resume their tailoring classes. As the girls are getting more

experienced, we are thinking about the next steps for our tailoring school and the students. We are glad a sponsor promised to purchase tailoring machines so that next year we can expand our project.

Savings group project single moms

Also, we are really grateful that this year we were able to run a project for single moms in Kalungami. Even though our focus as an organisation is youth, it is great to see how dedicated these ladies are to each other and to our project. It is sad that because of Covid-19 the ladies did not always manage to gather. Still, we were able to organise some amazing activities with speakers whom for example shared about the importance of saving. Besides this, we handed out loans and the women saved collectively. Some women took out loans for investments for their small businesses, to pay school fees for their children or to start something new. In 2022 the women will continue saving and they can take out loans again.



Christmas handout

Last month we raised money for our Christmas handout. We are really grateful that so many different people donated to give families in Kalungami an unforgettable Christmas. We handed out food packages to over 40 families! Besides this, we shared with the girls from the tailoring school what Christmas is really about. With Christmas most people think about good food, nice clothes and time with family and friends. Even though these are good things, it is not the core of Christmas. We shared with the girls that the essence of Christmas is that Jesus came to the world as a baby to die for our sins and for us to be able to receive His grace. We hope that this message will bring light and we hope that the food packages have given joy to the families that received it.



In conclusion



Looking back, we are really grateful for everything that we managed to do as an organisation for the community in Kalungami. It is great to see how many steps we managed to take this year. We want to thank you for your contribution to our work, through prayers, being involved and supporting financially. Next year we will continue with our work.

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

Thanking:

- -For all the activities that we were able to organise this year
- -For the donations for the Christmas handout, which gave many families a colourful Christmas
- -For the relationships with the community of Kalungami which have been strengthened

Praying:

- -For wisdom what our next step will be for our tailoring school as our students are learning more and more
- -For more capital for our savings project, so that bigger loans can be handed out
- -For the Christmas message to have an effect in the hearts of the girls

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