

# Recabites Youth Ministries International



Dear friends/sponsors of the Recabites,

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In this first newsletter of the year we will update you about the ins and outs within the organisation. Since the last update Elise arrived safely in Uganda, the soccer team has been playing in the league and many more things have happened.

## Sewing

Just before Christmas, we managed to hand out dresses, shorts and shirts to the children in Kalungami. The outfits were made by our students from the tailoring project. The children and their parents were really grateful for the outfits that we blessed them with. We hope it made their Christmas colourful. In the Christmas season Elise moved to Uganda. We are glad that the journey went well. Since Elise has arrived she has been involved in running the tailoring project. In January the girls from the tailoring project resumed and we sat down together to make plans for the months ahead.



The last few weeks the girls from the tailoring school have been very busy making reusable washable sanitary pads. We thank one of our sponsors for the instructions and patterns that we used to make these pads. With the help and explanation of our teacher, the girls have already made more than fifty pieces. Many girls in Uganda have little or no access to sanitary pads. Often it is difficult to get the money to buy the pads, which lead some girls to make wrong decisions to still be able to get this money.



They are involving themselves with men or get married very young to meet their basic needs. With this project we are helping the ladies from the tailoring school, but also other girls in the community, to meet these basic needs. The advantage of these reusable pads is that as long as they have water and soap they can reuse them. This is durable for the nature and financially better for most girls. The coming weeks some final pads will be made, so we can start handing them out.

## Pigs

As mentioned before, we faced a piggery disease in Uganda which made our piggery project to be affected. The situation seems to have normalized now, so we decided to start the piggery project again with two pigs. The coming days the piggery houses will be cleaned and the two new pigs will be shifted to Kalungami. Of course we feel a bit nervous about starting the project again after our former losses, but at the same time we have peace that now is the right time to resume. The disease does not seem to be in the region anymore and vaccinations have been made to ensure the health of the pigs. Pictures of the pigs will follow in the next letter!

## Soccer

A lot has also happened in the soccer project since our last update. Victorious FC has been competing in the league and already finished the first half of the competition. The team is now in 4th position (out of 11 teams) which would make them to qualify to a higher league. Since the end of February, the players have been on a short break before the competition will soon resume again. During this break, some new players have been signed to strengthen the team so it can hopefully perform even better in the second round. We see that so far the project has had a positive impact on the players but also on the community surrounding them. Victorious FC is the team with the youngest players in the league and giving young boys a platform to show off their talents brings hope to these youth. Most of them do not have work and some had to stop schooling because of financial reasons. It is great that we have a place where they can gather to spend time together, where we can share with them valuable life lessons and share about the Gospel. In this, the combined effort, dedication and hard work of the coaches has been really beneficial to the club. Also the team has brought unity and joy to other community members who are watching the trainings and matches. We are looking forward to the second half of the league.



We are thankful that through our work we can be a light to the youth and share with them about our faith. Also we believe that the skills that we are teaching them will be helpful in their lives. Our sincere thanks to our funders, supporters and well-wishers. Be blessed!

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

### Thanking:

- That Elise arrived in Uganda safely
- That our soccer team finished in the fourth position after the first round
- That the girls in the tailoring project managed to make sanitary reusable pads that will benefit the community

### Praying:

- For our piggery project that it will move on well and help the community
- For our soccer team Victorious that it will get good results in the second round
- For the students of the tailoring project, that their quality will improve

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