

# Recabites Youth Ministries International



Dear friends of Recabites,

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We are already heading towards the end of the year. 2023 is a year with many highlights for Recabites. In this newsletter we look back, and we look forward to 2024.

## Sewing

The last few months the girls of the tailoring school have been working hard. We distributed clothes to children in Kalungami and sanitary towels to about 35 teenage girls. It's great that we can contribute to the community in this way. The teenage girls each received three reusable washable sanitary pads and a small bag to carry the sanitary pads, so that they can also use the reusable sanitary pads when they go to school or work. The bags are made in such a way that they are waterproof and easy to clean. The reusable sanitary pads are good for the environment because there is less waste. It is also easier for the girls, because they can reuse the sanitary pads. The students keep on learning. They have been making Christmas decorations for the past two weeks. We plan to hand out these Christmas decorations just



before Christmas to spread the Christmas message in Kalungami; a message of Light and Hope. In 2024 we will continue with the tailoring project. The girls will receive more lessons on making bags and we are looking for a market so that the girls can sell their products. Furthermore, through the tailoring project we continue to serve the community as a whole by distributing clothing and sanitary pads.

## Soccer

After last season's victory, we have been busy preparing for our promotion to a higher division. In order to be promoted, a lot of paperwork had to be completed. The team is now officially registered as a football team in Uganda. We are also busy looking for sponsors to be able to play the matches. There are costs for each match, such as transport, drinking water, maintenance of the pitch etc. We are very grateful for a generous donation that enabled us to purchase new balls, goalkeeper gloves, training bibs and cones. We are still looking for new



football boots for the boys, so that all boys can play football with the proper shoes on. It's great to see that some of the boys see Anifu and William as big brothers and ask them for advice. The team becomes closer every day. Today Victorious FC played the first match for the new season. We hope this will be another great season, in which we also bring Hope and Light. Within the project we want to show that respect is important; within our team, but also towards supporters and the opposing teams. We also

distinguish ourselves by being honest; in contrast to the corruption within a number of teams around us. Through all of this we offer opportunities for the boys to grow, as footballers and as people.

### More

When we look at 2023 as a whole we see that we have grown as an organisation. Our new group of students is very driven and passionate. Our football project has also taken more shape and they even won the competition! We see that relationships with the boys have deepened over the past year, giving us more opportunities to have conversations about life and our faith. Fortunately, the pig disease is over, so we could restart our piggery project. We are very grateful for all the donations, encouragements and prayers. Without your support we would not be able to work on our mission; to enable and encourage young people to reach their full potential by providing opportunities for structural change. We hope that you will also want to be part of this in 2024.



Thank you for reading our last newsletter of 2023. On behalf of the entire team, the boys of the soccer team and the girls of the tailoring school, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy new year with lots of light, love and peace.

With love,  
Recabites

#### Thanking:

- That we were able to hand out children's clothing and reusable sanitary pads
- For the new training materials that allowed the boys to prepare well for the new football season
- For everyone who supports our work in Uganda

#### Praying:

- That the community in Kalungami may experience what Christmas is really about
- That we may find a market for the girls of the tailoring school
- That we can enable more youth to reach their potential in 2024.

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