# Recabites Youth Ministries International

Dear friends of Recabites,

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What a blessing it is to look back on a season full of movement, growth, and connection. Both in the football and tailoring project, we have witnessed beautiful developments, new opportunities, *and* challenges. We are deeply grateful for your involvement, support, and prayers. In this newsletter, we would love to share what has happened recently—and what lies ahead.

#### Soccer project

The football season for Victorious FC has come to an end—and what a journey it has been! At the end of May, we qualified for the playoffs, a milestone in itself. The road leading up to that was already remarkable. Through hard training, discipline, teamwork, and dedication, we built something far greater than just football achievements.



The playoffs themselves were a real adventure. We

travelled with the team and stayed on location for a week. It was intense, but also incredibly valuable. We made it all the way to the semi-finals—with a young team that found its strength in faith, friendship, and perseverance. After two nerve-wracking penalty shootouts, we finished 4th out of 20 teams. A sporting achievement to be proud of!



Although the disappointment was real—we were *so* close to promotion to the 3rd division—what remains most of all is gratitude. The season has made us stronger as a team. The players look back with joy and already miss the sense of unity, the rhythm of training, laughing, praying, and striving together.

Right now, we're enjoying a well-deserved break. But after the holidays,

we will start preparing for the new season—with fresh energy and renewed motivation!

#### Tailoring project

Since February, a new group of women started in the tailoring project. By now, they have mastered most of the basic skills and are currently working on making dresses. We hope they will soon also start producing reusable sanitary pads again.

What is beautiful: this group comes from different villages—Musima, Kainogoga, Nakigo, and Kalungami—so the project's impact continues to spread.



The women who graduated in December are still actively working as seamstresses. Most of them focus on repairs, and one of them, Janidah, is teaching the new class. At the same time, they are facing some limitations: lack of capital. With additional resources, they could buy more fabric and become more attractive to customers. An investment of €50 per person could already make a big difference. We hope to help them with this so they can further grow their businesses.

### **Upcoming visit**

In September, two friends from the Netherlands will come visit us. We are really looking forward to their arrival. They still have some space left in their suitcases. Would you like to donate something for our projects? Consider items like:

- Football boots
- Goalkeeper gloves
- Measuring tapes or other sewing supplies
- (Good) second-hand cameras or phones for our volunteers to capture our activities

Feel free to contact us if you would like to contribute. **Every donation helps us support and grow our projects even further.** 

#### More



In the coming weeks and months, we will continue investing our time and hearts into these projects here in Uganda. We are grateful for the growth we see in our participants. Especially encouraging is the spiritual development: several soccer players have started attending church, reading the Bible, and are showing visible changes in attitude and character. We long to keep investing in this — through discipleship, mentoring, and encouragement.

Would you like to support our work, in any way? Feel free to get in touch with us, or use the contact details at the bottom of this newsletter. Your prayers are also incredibly valuable. Would you like to receive monthly prayer points — for both the projects and personally for Anifu and Elise? Let us know. Below, we are already sharing a few prayer and thanksgiving points.

With love, Recabites

#### Thanking:

- For the athletic achievement and the strong sense of unity within Victorious FC
- For Janidah's dedication and the progress of the tailoring project
- For the faithful supporters who pray, give, and stay involved you are truly invaluable!

## Praying:

- For wisdom and vision as we prepare for the new football season
- For sufficient resources to financially empower the seamstresses
- For spiritual growth among the young people involved in our projects

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