

# CHRISTIANITY FOCUS CHURCH

## Greetings from the Heat

While you in the U.S. are experiencing "Ice Season," we are in the middle of a hot, dry season where temperatures reach between **90°F and 100°F** every day. Our church of 150 members is located in what many call a "slum" but we call **God's Kingdom**.

Situated on the edge of a Muslim neighborhood, we have a wonderful opportunity to practice the ministry of love and show the heart of Jesus to our neighbors.



Youth sharing the Good News with "TakaTaka boys"

## The Good Samaritan in Our Community

Our theme this season has been the parable of The Good Samaritan, and we have been busy putting this teaching into practice.



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## Cooking Workshops

We have been holding workshops to teach our members how to cook nutritious meals from inexpensive, local ingredients like **matoke** (plantain). By learning to prepare these foods, our congregation can share meals with neighbors who have nothing, embodying the spirit of the Good Samaritan.

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## Children & Youth Conference

In December, we hosted our annual week-long camp and conference for **120 children and 100 youth**. We were blessed to be able to provide a meal for every attendee each day.

- **Reliance on Grace:** Because we could not find mattresses to rent, everyone camped together on the floor. By God's grace, the camp was a success.
- **Faith in Action:** The children took their lessons to the streets, sharing the Good News with "TakaTaka boys" — young men who survive by picking through garbage.



No mattresses? No problem.

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## Prayers and Praises

### Praises

- **A Life Saved:** We give thanks for the safety of Pastor Francis' son. After being hit by a car, his arm was severely injured and nerves were severed, but an operation successfully saved his arm from amputation.
- **Productive Fellowship:** We praise God for the success of our children and youth conference and the lessons learned by all who attended.

### Prayer Requests

- **Healing for Work:** While the operation was a success, two of Pastor Francis' son's fingers still cannot move. Please pray for full restoration, as his job as a windshield installer requires the use of both hands.
- **A Roof for the Sanctuary:** It is difficult to worship during the rainy season without a roof. We pray for a way to complete our church building.