

CHRISTIANITY FOCUS CHURCH

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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.



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.

Prayers and Praises

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- **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.