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REPORT ON THE GIFT IN KIND OF CHILDRENS MESSIAH ENGLISH BIBLES FROM JAPAN

Introduction

In November 2014 World vision Uganda received 200,000 copies of Children’s Messiah Bibles from New Life Ministries and donors in Japan. These are in line with World vision mission of Following Jesus Christ by working with the poor, seeking justice, promoting transformation and bearing witness to the Kingdom of God. And this consignment also supports the work of World Vision in Uganda through the fulfilling the desire that Children Experience the love of God and neighbors as well as promoting their spiritual nature.

World Vision Uganda works in 53 Areas Development Programs and the focus of the programs is in health, education, livelihoods and food security as well as spiritual nature of boys and girls and therefore the donation was in line with the programs and principles in Uganda and this was also focused at bridging the gap in reading culture due to lack of access to bible literature.

These bibles are under distribution and more than 60,000 bibles have been distributed between December and January in the following areas of operation.

Summary Distribution for Messiah English Bibles

Date	DESCRIPTION	UOM	Qty	PROJECT NAME	Number of children benefiting	Comments
14-Nov-14	Children's Bibles	Cps	1840	Buganda Kingdom	1800	These were distributed to schools in Rubaga division during Children's Christmas parties
26-Nov-14	Messiah Bibles	Cps	10,600	Children Reach Out	10,600	These were distributed during the children's gala
28-Nov-14	Messiah Bibles	Cps	13,640	Tororo Cluster	13,640	Distributed during end of year activities for RC children
2-Dec-14	Messiah Bibles	Cps	13,640	Kamwenge Cluster	13,640	Given out during RC children end of year activities
4-Dec-14	Messiah Bibles	Cps	3,640	Kibaale Cluster	3640	Given out as part of the

						Christmas packages.
16-Dec-14	Messiah Bibles	CPs	1560	Kasese (Rwenzori Nursing	1560	Distributed during the annual Hospital workers and family gathering.
17-Dec-14	Messiah bibles	Cps	500	God's Mercy Orphanage	500	Given out to children from the orphanage during Christmas season
18-Dec-14	Messiah Bibles	Cps	13,640	Rakai Cluster	13,640	Distributed to Registered children in ADP's during Christmas season

Case study of Iyolwa Area Development Program in Eastern Uganda and use of the Messiah bibles.

Iyolwa ADP operates in Iyolwa Sub County in Tororo District. The sub county is located 30km South West of Tororo town. The sub county is about 37 km south of Kenya Uganda boarder. The ADP is located 200km east of Kampala, Uganda's capital city.

Total land coverage of Iyolwa Sub County is 140 square km. According to the 2014 census, the sub county has a population of 20,571 people i.e. **(9855 male & 10716 female)**.

Iyolwa ADP is in the fourth year of the 3rd phase which begun in October 2011. Iyolwa ADP is implementing 3 Projects, namely Iyolwa Health, Iyolwa Education, Iyolwa Sponsorship and child protection.

Natural resources of the sub county

Iyolwa and Magola sub counties are endowed with sandy loam and heavy clay fertile soils which the community utilises for subsistence farming. Food crops which are grown include maize, cassava, millet, sweet potatoes, beans, groundnuts and rice. These food crops are grown for home consumption, however extra food is sold for purposes of generating family income. Some farmers use ox-ploughs to open up fields while others use traditional methods of farming such as hoes and pangas. Livestock farming is common in the programme area Cattle being the most widespread, goats, pigs and chicken. Livestock farming is a source of income as well as food consumption.

The sub counties have a flat landscape with scattered protruding rocks, other areas are sandy. The area is also endowed with swamps from which the community accesses mud fish, and other raw materials for hand crafts such as papyrus mats and baskets, as well as grass for roofing their huts. These swamps are also being utilized by rice farmers; however this activity is contributing to environmental degradation. Although the swamp is a natural resource that benefits community members it is a breeding ground for mosquitoes which cause malaria as well as other vectors. The ADP intends to collaborate with government to control vectors without hindering the productivity of the swamps by using environmentally friendly approaches.

GIK CONSIGNMENT

The consignment of Messiah English Bibles was received by Tororo cluster in December 2014 in good shape. This was a blessing to the ADP since they were used to address the already identified challenges in the community. Most of the churches in Iyolwa and Magola sub counties never had inadequate Sunday school instruction materials so the receipt of these bibles have motivated the Sunday school teachers to do their work more effectively and the children now attend churches in big numbers.

Target Group and how they were selected

The cluster GIK contact person through consultation with the DFs of Iyolwa, Nabuyoga, Kirewa and Paya ADPs unanimously agreed that churches registered under their umbrella body called CUAHA Iyolwa network be the target beneficiary for these items as they are well organized and their Sunday school teachers were already trained by the ADP and given the fact the ADP is transiting in September 2015. So it's upon that background that the selected churches were identified as groups of people who were in dire need of these items.

IMPACT OF THE GIK CONSIGNMENT DONATED TO IYOLWA ADP



The GIK intervention helped Iyolwa ADP and Tororo cluster in general to strengthen their partnership with the churches . ' I am happy that world vision is still maintaining that meaningful partnership with the churches in Iyolwa and Magola sub counties' said Pastor Richard Oginere chairperson Iyolwa CUAHA network.

Above is Pastor Oginere Richard (second right) handing over the Messiah English

Bibles to some of the beneficiaries

Impact of the children's bibles and changes

The churches have realized a significant rise in the number of children attending Sunday church services as compared to what was happening two months ago before the receipt of the Sunday school bibles.



At ST Denis Nursery and Primary School (as pictured below) in Iyolwa sub county the teachers apply the Messiah English bible as a teaching aid for teaching children in lower primary Christian Religious Education because the pupils find it so simple to read.



Above are children of ST Denis Nursery and Primary School during one of the CRE lessons using the Messiah English Bibles in Eastern Uganda

Outcomes of the bibles among children

This donation has spiked up the demand and interest by children to know more about God through the stories that they read, they have also shared amongst themselves even with those who can't read by looking at the photos and asking who the people in the Bible are and what they were doing and their relationship with God.

In some cases the children have also attracted other children who don't go to church to come and not receive a small children's bible but also to learn about God and this has increased enrollment of children at Sunday School classes.

In conclusion, on behalf of the beneficiaries and the entire staff of World Vision Tororo cluster, we greatly appreciate the generosity New Life Ministries and the donors who funded the GIK interventions. The cluster was able to address the community needs in the sectors of area of spiritual nurture and church partnerships. For the Messiah English Bibles are already impacting positively and making a difference in the lives of the beneficiaries as seen above.

Way forward and action points

World Vision Uganda and the GIK team is working with the other clusters and partners to make sure that all these bibles are distributed and that stories and changes among children are followed up, documented and reported upon both with the donor and internally for learning and reflection. Another progress report will be shared once all the bibles are distributed and locations visited to assess the impact they have created.

Appreciation

We appreciate New Life Ministries for the support of children's Bibles as well as other materials and look forward to such materials that will go a long way in contributing to the well-being of children in Uganda.

May the Almighty God bless you abundantly.