## Christmas greetings from Uganda, 2021

The year is ending and there so much to thank God for. We have been under several lockdowns in this country and sad enough Uganda has had the longest lockdown for schools close to two years. We are grateful to you friends for supporting us in many ways. You did not only support us as family but the ministry has been sustained through your endless prayers, encouragement and financial gifts. We have been taught to trust God more during these times of uncertainties. We have preached the gospel more deeds of charity than ever before during this time. Just below is an orphan from the farm community after receiving the Christmas food supplies from our food pantry loading it on his old bike to take to his grandma who takes care of them. We did not know that we will end up reaching out to search families when we started this farming project seven years ago. We had a surprise  $34^{th}$  wedding anniversary party at the church after a Sunday service (December 12<sup>th</sup>). We are thankful to the church family where we have served since 1997.



We have just had graduation for Westminster Christian institute Uganda after two years of having classes on and off due to Covid 19 effects on society. It was a joy to see men and women graduate and being sent in the ministry as agents of transformation. The college had more Christian teachers receive their diplomas certifying them to go and teach. Some of our international students have not completed their studies again due to limited movements between country-to-country restriction to control the spread of covid 19. We ask that you pray for them.



Zana schools have been closed for so long and we look forward to the reopening of the schools this coming January 2022. We have a number of social, spiritual and psychological issues to address to manage as these students return to school. Kids have grown without attending school. We a number of them who have mothered babies at an early age due to the lockdown. Some of them feel like not going back to school. Some of the teachers have tested business as a form of earning a living and they find it hard to return to the teaching profession. The government has a number of challenges to face. We are thankful to our partners who made it a point to provide partial pay for our teachers during these hard times.

We want to wish you a blessed Christmas and happy new year full of victories and growth in the Christ.

We still ask you to pray for us and the ministry at large. May the Lord continue to teach us to number our days and serve him as long as it is day. As we grow older, we realize that we have a small window of opportunity. There is no moment to waste but rather to serve our Lord for our final rest will come as we look forward to his second coming.

God bless you,

Emma and Allen Kiwanuka.