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In our Newsletter of March 31st, 2010, I published about Christ Gospel Fellowship Seed Project. Today is again about a Seed Project implemented by the same Church.

On June 10th in the morning, I was invited by Mary Ndayambaje of Christ Gospel Fellowship Church to accompany them in the afternoon to visit Liberatha Baseka, a mother who has been identified within their community as one who has been sick for a long time.

Liberatha is a mother of a big number of children that she didn't want to explain who is hers and who is fostered in her family. In total, she takes care of 10 kids. She has been sick for a long period. From October 2009, she has been going to hospital almost every day. Tests have been done from the Government hospitals to the private Bio-medical laboratories but nothing was found out. Because they couldn't identify what was the exact problem, she suffered not only for her disease but was really frustrated for not knowing about what she was suffering from, and how she could recover, she said.

In Christ Gospel Fellowship Church, ladies agreed from March 2010 after a Training of Wholistic Ministry to do at least one Seed Project per month. During their identification, they chose to help Liberatha with stuff including corn flour, long bars of soap, sugar, rice and beans.

The visit started with a short word from the Bible on Love by Mary. Each member got time to say what she thought how we should love one another. When came the time of Liberatha to say, she explained how God's Mercy is the same for every person. She recognized through what the Church had done that she is loved by God despite her hardship. She went on explaining how many are groups of people she never met before came to comfort her during her time of sickness. In her words, she even mentioned how she decided to serve the Lord for the rest of

her time once recovered. During one and half hour in her home, a service of worship took place. Her face overflowed with joy and peace. She asked a picture of memory for the day. Ladies who went for the visit were glad to have served to that family and were ready to share with the rest of their group to never miss an opportunity of Seed Project. Their expression was "It is more blessed to give than to receive."



From the left, Dukuzemaria from the Church, Liberatha (the sick mother), Laticia and Mary both from the Church and Jacob. The rest are children.

It's really amazing to see how a small project of demonstration of God's Love brings of hope and joy to people in need. The parable of mustard seed has been demonstrated as true through small acts of God's love during seed projects.

In the case of Liberatha, I was touched how she expressed her gratefulness to God for her experience of getting many people coming in for visit during her hard time. She said the following: " ***When I was healthy, I had never got such number of people visiting my home. But because of God's mercy, I have people that I never met in my house just to show me how God loves me.***"