

Story

(Title): Soccer team for Street kids in Nyanza

Ministry type: Seed project

Area of impact: Social

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1. Nyanza history and wholistic training background

In the history of Rwanda, Nyanza town is known as the city of the King. The Palace of the king Rudahigwa is still in a good state on a lifted hill in that town.

During the genocide events against Tutsi, many people lost their lives from that town as it was the symbol of the Tutsi power.

What is unfortunate is that ONGs during the relief period didn't intervene as much as it was done in other places in Rwanda. That explains the presence of a big number of vulnerable families and many street kids in that small town.

In March 2007, the Harvest Rwanda team trained a group of 26 people from six local churches in the town of Nyanza.

In 2008, Pastor Gilbert Muvandimwe from the Pentecostal Assemblies of God sensitized a group of people to find a ball in order to start a soccer team for Street kids as means to have them gathered for the soccer practice but also for Evangelism. A ball was found for that purpose but it lasted six months before it was stolen.

The result of the project of the soccer ball team during the six months was great because eight street children were able to reintegrate their families and went back to schools.

The idea of providing another ball came during my visit for Fellowship, Follow up and 2011 planning with the forum of local churches in the town of Nyanza on November 3rd, 2010.

2. Seed project implementation on December 9, 2010

- a. Presentation of the ball by Zachariah and Gilbert to the group of street kids



- b. Teams mixed of street kids and children from homes as to find means to create relationships between the two categories with the goal to socialize and bring the street children back home. The teams will practice every Tuesday and Friday from 3:00 PM.



c. Playing the ball

Janvier Ndayisenga in black and white band, the coacher (below picture)



- d. At the end of the soccer practice, came a prayer time

After the prayer time I got a short time to talk to Ndayisenga Janvier, the chair person and coacher of the group of street children in Nyanza. He was so grateful for the project done by the forum of Nyanza local churches. He reintegrated his family after many years on the street. He is experienced with the life on the street and he also is trusted by the kids on the streets in Nyanza. He committed to help those kids to integrate their families with the support of churches. Let's hope God will us the Seed project and the soccer team to transform lives of children.



Pastor Zachariah of the Presbyterian Church gave a word of exhortation and asked Jacob to end with a prayer.

Prayer request

Pray for a good equipment of the team: clothing (uniforms) and another ball of a better quality. Pray for God's wisdom and the Holy Spirit to work in mind and spirits of those kids.