

A REPORT OF THE SECOND MICHAEL MEMORIAL FOOD DRIVE
October 20th 2023 to January 6th 2024

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We are grateful to all of you who generously contributed to this cause. In total we used **Nine thousand, and thirty-five thousand dollars (9035 USD)**. This money was raised from friends and families both from the diaspora and in Uganda .

Below is the summary of expenditure :

- Prison Ministry to **297** inmates, including **8** women: Bought them 3 Televisions, food and personal items **(1,540 USD)**
- Donation packages to **300** families: **(4,500 USD)**
- Follow-up activities to **80** elderly, (**9** who were very ill and **8** disabled). **(535 USD)**
- Michael memorial football tournament : **(1500 USD)**
- Transportation and logistics to a team of **20** including meals for 6 days **(960 dollars)**

Your kind and generous contributions put a smile to the less fortunate and vulnerable (that included the elderly, children and their families , the disabled person and prison inmates in selected places in Sironko district in Uganda, East Africa. Every gift we receive is a precious resource from God.

Activities done:

The second Michael Memorial Food Drive roll out was done in **5 days**. The **first day** we visited prisons and distributed food items (rice, sugar, cooking oil, feminine products (sanitary items, under wear) and bought for them three Television sets to support several programs.



On the **next three** days we assembled at church every morning, shared tea, prayed together and grouped into different teams to go to different villages. Altogether 8 villages were covered walking long distances in hilly areas on foot. Special thanks go to the committed local people I call my “dream scouts” that always volunteer to do this happily.

We reached out to **300** families as shown in a few pictures below . Each household received a package of **25 USD** which comprised of (Rice, sugar, flour (posho), cooking oil, Soap, salt, box of matches., some received monetary support.





On the last day we had Mass led by the Parish Priest at Bigitimwa church followed by sharing the Vision of MiMs Ministry to the congregation. An annual membership drive was launched and the response was overwhelming. **Members pledged to enrol that included 6 as gold members (equivalent to 285 USD/year), 10 as Silver (equivalent to 150 USD/year) and 10 as bronze (equivalent to 30 USD/year)** and over 40 local members made pledges of what they would contribute as Associate members to support the ministry. The church leadership and members recommitted themselves to do their best to support the MiMs ministry.





Patron Mzee Sirasi Gidudu (Michael's grandfather) was present

The highlight of the day included a walk from Bugitimwa church to Budeda football pitch, a distance of about 2 kms led by a local youth brass band to witness finals between **Bumanza** and **Budeda** football clubs. This was the climax of the Michael Memorial Cup that had been running for three weeks. **Budeda club emerged the winners and were given a trophy and a big goat.** Our emphasis was that all the four participating teams won and they were all given presents and, in the evening hosted all the teams were hosted to dinner at the Patron's home where additional gifts like "best player" were given .





Several follow up meetings have been held this year to generate ideas from the local community members and this has informed our priorities 2024 . One of the low hanging fruits was an initiative to help build a house for a **“Nabude” (Not her real name)** a mentally ill old lady who was staying in the shack shown below. The Joy is **in the partnership** where the volunteer scouts (our Local champions”) are providing labour and local materials and MiMs is providing , iron sheets, nails and shutters .Her house work is in the final stages it will be done soon. We also bought for Isma (not his real names) a customised wheel chair . The grandmother and Isma were overwhelmed with Joy .



Nabudeme current shelter.



Isma on a new chair bought for him

Many other families have been helped and the details will be in the new letter to be posted later .In our future plan if funds allow, we plan to support additional physically handicapped people with customized wheelchairs. An assessment is being done to establish their numbers.

Our efforts to reach this goal is not possible without the backing of you our dear friends and families . We would like to invite you to be part of this great ministry.