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We have four more stories to share with you about the lives of widows Say Yes has been helping over the past year or so. But those stories are on hold for now as we have updates on Magret (featured in the March newsletter) and the food distribution for Resurrection Day celebrations. The response from Say Yes Friends was outstanding – we were able to provide food for 15 widows and those they care for as well as three radios, three new dresses, and a cushioned chair.

Paul & Leticia Evans (Say Yes liaison) were very busy purchasing the food in bulk and re-packaging it in appropriate portions. Each family received a minimum of rice, sugar, spaghetti, maize flour, soap, 2 kgs of meat, cooking oil, soda and salt. The meat was a big deal as most cannot often afford to purchase it.



Bags of food

Sam Jackson is a Development Team member. Paul gave food to him to deliver to



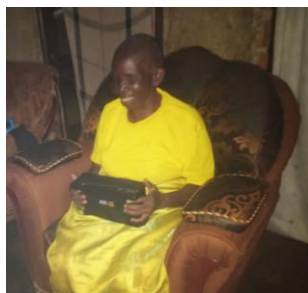
Margaret on the right, Nakafero on the left

his grandmother, Pastor Margaret and her older sister, Nakafero (the ladies are 84 and 87 respectively). They were so amazed to receive the blessing they immediately began to pray and give thanksgiving! Margaret told Sam they had just prayed that morning for food as they had none! We will be sharing Margaret’s story in the near future – you will be amazed and blessed!

KD Buyinza is also a Development Team member and an auto mechanic, made possible by the Friends of Say Yes. His mother, Nakamatte Allen, is a widow as is his grandmother, Mukakibibi Magret (in photo to the right). They both received food packages and were so very thankful. Allen has five children so this was an especially wonderful blessing for them all!



As for Magret....wow! We told you in the last newsletter she would like a radio. Well she got that and more! We could see by one of the pictures Paul sent that the single piece of furniture was a very sad looking and torn sofa of sorts and she was sitting on the floor. We asked Paul to



Magret in her chair with radio

check out the cost of a simple, well cushioned, and low-sitting chair she would find easy to get in and out of. He found a perfect one – the color won’t show the dirt (and it WILL get very dirty – remember she is blind) and it’s low enough for her to easily access. He had it delivered by bodaboda! When Paul stopped by to deliver the food he found her sitting in the chair listening to the radio – yes, our hearts simply melted when we saw this! What a delight!



Chair on bodaboda



And in the midst of all this activity sickness came to Annet’s youngest daughter, Cynthia. Paul tells us the children in Uganda don’t give time to sickness; they just keep going. So Cynthia apparently did not say anything to her Mum about not feeling well. Then Annet noticed she was different and about that time Cynthia’s eyes rolled back in her head and she was out like a light. Leticia was there when this happened so they immediately got a bodaboda (motorcycle guy) to take them all to the hospital. Cynthia had very serious malaria, severe enough to potentially impact the brain. This required her to stay in the hospital for two days/nights to receive the right treatment. Once again, it was Say Yes to pay the cost of the medical treatment – they had no one else to turn to.

Just this past week another family was impacted with illness – Denis & Sarah Colins’ young son (Great Miles – 2 yrs old) had malaria but he also had extreme difficulty breathing. He was taken to hospital in Mukono then referred to another hospital in Kampala and the outcome is surgery on the adenoids and maybe tonsils on Sunday, April 18th. This is common in the US but not so much in Uganda, apparently. The experience has been a real fright for Denis & Sarah! Please keep Miles & his family in prayer. Say Yes is picking up the cost of treatment/surgery, about \$600 as there is no way Denis & Sarah could afford this. They would have been going to all family members and friends to find the money to borrow, which would delay the surgery.



Miles & his sister Melody

So why do we tell you these stories? Because they are testimonies to those of you who give to the \$25 Club. The \$25 Club (which is unrestricted funds) is so valuable in helping us respond to sudden and urgent issues such as these, where there was no other way to get the necessary treatment. It’s the same when people are in need of food, transportation, tuition, and other urgent needs they have no way to provide for themselves. So this is a HUGE shout out of THANKS to all who remember Say Yes in their monthly giving to the \$25 Club, as well as those who give to the general fund. Please consider inviting your friends and family to join the \$25 Club – **together we continue to make differences** we could never dream possible if we were to do it alone.

Thank you so much for remembering these children in your prayer time for protection against sickness, disease and calamity throughout their young lives. God desires for them to live out each part of His plan He has for them!

Watch for the upcoming story of Pastor Margaret.....

Thank you for being a friend of Say Yes!

Virgil & Joy

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