

TINE ON THE MOUNTAIN MINISTRIES BI-ANNUAL REPORT 2019

Introduction

This report covers the progress of Tine on the Mountain Ministries through the first, second and third quarters of 2019. It gives a description of the activities done by the organization through this period. These activities include discipleship and evangelism, livelihood and skills training, education support programs, children support programs, community outreach programs as well as health programs.

2019 has been a transition year; upgrading from Community Based level to a Local NGO. There has been an exponential upgrade in the activities that the organization has done through this period.

About us;

Tine on the Mountain Ministries is a not-for-profit Organization that was founded to support vulnerable children. The organization was found in 2017 under the patronage of Esther Taka who was abandoned by her grandmother at the age of five. She later struggled with street life, battling drug addiction and later becoming a young mother at 14. The hard life forced her to give up her daughter for adoption. Esther went through a number of adoption and rehabilitation homes and did not have a chance to attain any basic formal education (more of her story is capture in the book entitled "Forgotten among the magnitude" by Jeremiah Bragg- <https://www.amazon.de/FORGOTTEN-AMONG-MULTITUDE-BIOGRAPHICAL-AFRICAN-ebook/dp/B07D238YN9>). Transformed by the love, hope and peace in the revelation of Jesus Christ, Esther was inspired to start up a rehabilitation home through which she can extend love and hope to the street children, giving them chance and hope to lead better lives.

Currently the organization supports 45 children home; some coming from the streets, others from within slums, while others come from the places where we travel to during our discipleship field work visits. We also support 5 young mothers (victims of teenage pregnancies). All our beneficiaries are support with shelter, food, education and health needs, in addition to linking them to employment.

The organization also runs a vocational skills training wing through which community members under free will, are equipped with skills in catering and bakery, hairdressing and cosmetology, tailoring and knitting, computer studies and adult English learning in which we train the reading and writing.

Our Mission

To contribute to the transformation of individuals into productive citizens who purse life with vigor and enthusiasm towards growth and development driven by love, hope and peace bestowed by God.

The vision

Uganda where children, young people, men and women are imparted by the love, hope and peace from God through the revelation of Jesus Christ to compel them to develop socially and economically into self-worth, independent and self-sustaining individuals.

A word from the staff;



Ester Taka Namutebi

(Executive Director)

- Its always inspiring to help a child change his/her life, it brings great joy. I always want to help those children who go through the same situation that I went through . Giving them a better life.
- Making others disciples of Christ, helping them to discover the love of christ and to be born again is the best thing i wish to do with al my heart.



Okanga Moses

(Executive Secretary)

- Being part of shaping a child's life is the most pleasant thing i have ever been part of. it is great pleasure to help a child make informed decision in life.



Kiyimba Joel

(Programs Director)

- "Every Child deserves Great, Be the Helping Hand," as our slogan goes, its a great privilege to be the helping hand for the deprived children, directing them to Christ who said let the little Children come to Me..... Its great honor that the Lord has used our hands to reach out to the needs of the community, leading us into the lives of different people in the community, helping people change their lives through the revelation of Christ's love.
- Am glad that what begun as a dream was able to sprut into a big project that has benefited many in our community. The vocational skills project has benefited many people despite the hardships we went through to drive it.

Our Projects and Activities;

Discipleship and Evangelism

As one of our core values, our main focus is to point many to Christ, making them disciples of Jesus Christ rather than just believers. This year has been a blessing; we have been able to baptize 282 disciples during our discipleship and evangelism activities. 48 of these were baptized from our home and children's home and center who were from within our community, 22 were baptized as yields from the vocational training wing, 102 were baptized during the discipleship outreach on Nakiwogo Island, 89 were baptized during the discipleship outreach in Bidi Bidi Refugee camp in northern Uganda while 21 were baptized from the streets and slums discipleship outreaches.

At the center, discipleship trainings are held every Wednesday and Friday; the participants include the children and the community members who attend the vocational training from the center. During the discipleship training, discipleship are trained how to read the bible, pray for one another, how to do evangelism and sharing of testimonies. These have been successfully held every week.



Community outreach programs

This year we help two community outreaches: one in Kisenyi-a Kampala slum and in Kijonjo-a suburb in Masaka district. During these outreaches; clothes, food and other basic needs are given to the needy people in the communities as a way of sharing Christ's love with others.



Children Support Center

Child protection is one of our core values, seeing that every child gets the opportunity to grow up through a better childhood; with access to basic needs especially shelter, education and food. Through this we have been able to reach out to 45 children with shelter, education, feeding and medical treatment. 10 of the 45 were retrieved from the streets this year. The center also supports 5 young mothers (victims of teen pregnancies and early forced marriages) and their children.

We are grateful to our partners; SFBC group-Japan that has been supporting us in paying rent, providing a great part of the food. This has helped us in maintaining the survival of the Children.



Education support Program

All the children have been supported in school through the year though we have had some of them being sent home due to failure to pay school fees and tuition on time. We thank the Lord for helping us to support them in school through the help from our friends. We also thank the partner schools like KCCA-Mirembe Primary schools and Modern High School who have always been patient with us and allowed our children in school even before paying the school fees.

Vocational skills Training Project

This begun in mid-June with an aim of equipping the community members with employable livelihood skills that will help them generable income for their homes and survival. We had planned to begin with two skills: the hairdressing and catering skills, but due to the demand from the community we introduced the tailoring and knitting, computer studies and adult English classes.

We thank SFBC group-Japan for helping us rent a big space that can accommodate the trainings and the children's support center.

Though we did not have enough space to use, some classes we sharing the same room and were divided into intervals. The tailoring and knitting class has been sharing the same room with the catering and bakery class while computer studies and adult English classes have also been sharing the same class. So at the other class would begin after the end of the other.

This project did not have external support nor did it receive any funds to start it up. All trainers have been volunteering to train even when there were no training materials. We are grateful to the programs director who has volunteered to train the catering and bakery class, the adult English Classes and the Computer class. May God bless his effort and endeavors abundantly!

The beneficiaries of this project are going to graduate on the 13/December/2019 and shall be awarded certificates of completion. Many people are still coming in to attend these trainings but our carrying capacity is already beyond threshold levels. So they have been pushed to the next intake that begins in December this year.

Hairdressing class

The class has a total of 35 members with 2 volunteer trainers. With one over-head drier, one hand drier, two half mirrors (broken Halves) and 7 chairs, the class has successfully run with its members awaiting their graduation. The class has its own room where the trainings are held which helps it to run from morning to evening.



Catering and Bakery Class

The class has 28 beneficiaries and one trainer. It has been divided into the morning shift which studies in the morning before the tailoring class begins and the evening shift which begins after the tailoring class ends. The class runs with only 2 benches, one table, 2 sauce pans, one stove, four plates, one rolling pan and two knives. The bakery was initially done in sand which was preheated to work as an oven. The Lord blessed us through one of the beneficiaries who hired us with a mini electric oven that can only bake one cake at a time.



Tailoring and Knitting Class

With 24 members who have to wait for each other to share the one sewing machine, the class runs from midmorning after the catering class to afternoon before the evening catering class begins. The class has

four chairs and one working table. The sewing machine was hired on a monthly basis for two months until when its owner proposed that we start purchasing it in installments. As of today there is still an unpaid balance of 150,000 Uganda Shillings. The class has one trainer who comes twice every week because she is employed somewhere else.



Computer class

The class has a membership of 13 beneficiaries. The class was initially using one laptop to train which laptop was also being used for organization administrative work. So in case it was being used by the organization staff, the training would not take place. Two months after the beginning of the training, one of the beneficiaries offered use her laptop to be used in the training. The class is divided into two shifts one in the early morning before the catering class begins and the other in the late evening after the evening catering class ends; this is because the programs director has to train all both classes. The class had got a trainer who also left to continue with studies, the class then was taken up by the programs director.

Adult English Class

This was started to teach community members how to read and write. It has a total of 14 members and it is held three times in a week since the trainer is often occupied in with the computer and catering classes. The class has four text books which are shared.

Upcoming Events



13/12/2019; Graduation ceremony for the beneficiaries of the vocational training project



14/12/2019; Annual childrens sleep over part. Under the theme:- "Learning and Living with others," we shall host children from the slum communities in a transnight fellowship and party.



on going; fundraising for the completion of the children's house in Kyangera.

Challenges

- The congestion is still high in the rooms where the children sleep, some still share the beds which are also more than the carrying capacity of the rooms.
- The school fees of the children is still a problem, some children are still being sent back home because of failure to pay fees in time.
- The vocation skills training project still lacks enough training materials and equipment.
- The vocational skills training project also lacks enough trainers and training space.

Recommendations and conclusion

We therefore call upon anyone who can support the works of Tine on the mountain to come on board and join us with any support that Lord avails with them.