

YOUTH FOR CHARITY MISSIONS  
INTERNATIONAL (YOFOCHM)

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1.0 Introduction

This report summarizes the activities of Youth for Charity Missions International during the year in review. The activities were successfully concluded with support and in collaboration with youth groups, churches and companies/organizations.

Deserving mention are: Africa Harvest Mission, Family radio 105.3fm, Harris International Ltd (RIHAM Soda), Calvary Temple Kitintale, Membership fee and contributions, fundraising activities i.e. Charity car wash, Tea party and Music concerts, Well-wishers/donations.

2.0 Activities Implemented

2.1 *Moral Renewal / School Program April, 5<sup>th</sup> – 2013.*

We aim at imparting Christian values in students mostly. Scheduled school outreach are organized to universities and secondary schools where we counsel, preach and entertain student with Christian guidelines

This year, we managed to carry out a moral renewal seminar at Hope Christian High School. These programs aimed at sensitizing and enlightening youth about the dangers of moral break down, low self-esteem & promote respect for Christian value systems.

Solely we organize such events in partnership with an institute and corporate companies to improve behaviors & revive important Christian values that are disappearing from young people today in schools as we also share values on their roles in society for a better future. And this year, we worked hand in hand with Hariss international who donated RIHAM Sodas and drinking water for the activity that took the whole day.

## 2.2 *Leadership Development*

We run leadership seminars at church and community level quarterly and an annual international youth camp called equip the youth camp Africa that gathers youth from within and outside Africa aiming at developing lifelong leadership skills for the future.

This year's event as per our year plan was to be held between 16 & 18 AUGUST but because of some financial constraints not fore seen; we extended to 1<sup>st</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup> November 2013 in Mukono at Bethany camping site Nabitaka –Mukono Island and it was carried out successfully because different from the past four events, this 5<sup>th</sup> International leadership forum attracted more than 100(one hundred) youth leaders from different districts of Uganda, Burundi ,Congo, Nigeria, Kenya and a representative from Sweden who were continuously strengthened & equipped with lifelong leadership skills for our future under a theme of LIGHT

(Mathew 5:14), inspiring them be the light that they are ought to be in their communities and the world.

### 2.3 *Community Responsibility / Charity - June, 2013.*

In June – 2013, Since we are a charitable organization, we worked hand in hand with family Radio, Calvary Temple in carrying out a community responsibility outreach where we hygienically cleared up the town of Kitintale, the market and drainage systems.

Our plans were to collaborate with Kampala capital city authority program but all were futile but still the success of the program was realized and it didn't cost the organization the fact that all the things used like wheel barrows were provided by members, gloves bought by family radio, and YOFOCHM provided man power.

### 2.4 *Technical Skills Development-*

We organized an entrepreneur skills training one day seminar, provided skills & encouraged 25 members on starting their own business and ways of sustainability. After being let down by a proposed sponsor, and the event had already been mobilized to happen, it became a self organization sponsored program carried out in September.

## 3.0 CHALLENGES

### 3.1 *Financial Constraint*

The fact that we have not yet acquired committed funders and sponsors of our activities and programs, and there has not yet been as stable and secure source of income, we have been challenged with finances to run our year activities. The organization thus had to embark on strong fundraising activities. This was

coupled with mobilization of membership fees and contribution vis-à-vis other donations from well wishers so as to accomplish the missions set thereby. This on the other side, had to make us cancel some of a few activities that were supposed to be organized as per our year planner.

### *3.2 Lack of enough office space*

Lack of enough space to run our office departmental activities and training compounded by insufficient office equipment like computers and cameras. We needed an ample facility with enough equipment to hold our computer training activity that would accommodate a big number of unskilled youths. As a result, we couldn't meet our planned target. However, we have devised a fundraising strategy to ensure that we can rent a big facility (before the establishment of the Kampala Youth Centre). Such size we hope shall be able to accommodate more trainees, notwithstanding holding our board members meeting and acting as a sales centre.

Part of a challenge we overcame was weakening of some of our committed members in meeting, contributions and delegations, but this was resolved by strengthening the team through daily visits, weekly SMS devotions and registering more members who fueled the organization.

Transportations have also been a threat to the running our activities.

## **4.0 WAY FORWARD**

We are an evangelistic and charity ministry, from time to time as scheduled our youth teams travel to communities to preach and give support to the community. For all the years of our existence, we shall among other activities teach the word of God, donate, and indulge in corporate social responsibility.

On top of these evangelistic and charity programs that are a must, the following are our activity projects that are to be implemented and established between 2014 – 2016:

#### *4.1 Leadership Program (ETYCA)*

With an evaluation of the past five International leadership conventions held code named Equip the Youth Camp Africa (ETYCA), aimed at bringing together youth of different background to learn and network for future leadership, we must continue organizing them, to continue with its vision of equipping and empowering young people with effective leadership skills to better our nations in Africa.

#### *4.2 Training skills development 2014 - 2016*

Part of what led to the birth of the ministry was an objective to train young people for self employment. Many of our youth are unemployed and other have businesses that are not effective. A cross section of them had their studies discontinued thus with no or less qualification, whilst the rest have required qualifications to be employed but jobless.

Our skills development program is giving youths hands on skills in computer work, videography, tailoring, beads making, hair dressing and printing. These young people after training, and having acquired entrepreneur skills attained from our entrepreneurial/business workshops, they are encouraged start up small business and others get employed hence earning. For those that already had basic qualifications from different institution and were working already take the skills as a part time extra income source. It is thus, planned to effect our training program to youths in media, computer, tailoring & others.

Carried out at our office premises, we plan by 2014 – 2016 to provide a big facility with enough equipment and more facilitators and a proposal has been

prepared. The computer and media skills training have been carried out for the past two years but not to our satisfaction

#### 4.3 *Business support project*

Since our planned activities in the past have almost failed as a result of finance, we are working hard at starting up a business support project through the contribution of members. And we hope to use the business as an employment agency to some of our un employed youth but the main purpose of the initiative shall be to finance our activities of the year 2014 -2016. The business shall comprise a secretarial and media centre.

#### 4.4 *Kampala Youth Centre 2014*

Through the work carried out, we have come to the conclusion that a *multipurpose youth centre* in the heart of Kampala would be beneficial to the youth of our country. This facility should be an educational and rehabilitation centre inclusive of activities like sports and games (Table and loan Tennis, volley ball, chess etc) and public youth talk shows to be hosted.

The Youth Center is a social and recreational center intended primarily for use by young ages 18 to 35 years. In some cases, children as young as ten years old will use a Youth Center, but usually only if special programs are in place to accommodate them. The Center seek to support opportunities for youth to develop their physical, social, emotional, and cognitive abilities and to experience achievement, leadership, enjoyment, friendship, and recognition.

The Youth Center shall offer organized instructional programs for physical activities such as dance, music, and drama and for academic and arts programs such as science, crafts, and theater. It will also offer opportunities for unstructured activities such as game playing, socializing, club meetings, and outdoor play.

Youth in Kampala on the other hand, are most at-risk for delinquent behavior between the hours of 4p.m. and 9 p.m., and on weekend and holidays according to our survey. Our Youth center will provide a positive option for out-of-school/work time and a safe place for youths to socialize and participate in educational and other enrichment activities.

Equally in promoting education, Yofochm shall provide library services, computer training (ON GOING) and provide safe space so as to facilitate youth and children education activities outside their school. And also by working with health service providers within the community, YOFOCHM will offer information services and other sensitization activities as part of our Health Program. The organization seek to engage the efforts of both local and international volunteers in carrying out the various activities at the centre and within communities.

YOFOCHM mostly as outlined, shall offer a number of activities especially for the unprivileged youth and children by offering accommodations at the centre.

## 5.0 CONCLUSION

In our last annual General meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2013, after realizing that all the plans that are due for 2014 -2016 need a strong financial source, the team resolves to internally strategise on partnerizing local and international potential funders/sponsors. And proposals in support for the projects 2014 - 2016 have been drafted and decided to be circulated to funding Ngo, potential individuals who have the same heart like YOFOCHM at national and international level.

Secondly part of our team shall be sent to visit some of our friends overseas in regard to mobilizing more partners and funds for our activities.

Emphasis would also be put on some of the existing fundraising activities; we have been using to mobilize funds in the past such as dinners, concerts, car wash and other accepted campaigns.