

CHILDREN'S CLUBS JANUARY 2021 REPORT

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Children's Clubs is a programme that targets to teach children and club leaders the Word of God. Children's clubs were established by Monica Cook to help in the presentation of key Christian messages and develop the ability to make good life choices and behaviour for children in local communities so that when they grow up, they are equipped with right information and counsel.

Many lives of children have been impacted positively and spiritually through the programme. As of now the programme is run in 14 centres comprising of about 44 volunteers that lead the children in their different localities.

The leaders undergo monthly leaders' training organised by Starfish. Through these trainings, leaders learn various methodologies to teach children and at the same time are equipped to deepen their leadership role and their personal relationship with God.



Photo 1. Children playing with a parachute at Takumana Children's Club.

CHALLENGES WHICH THE PROGRAM FACED THIS YEAR.

2020 was severely affected by COVID 19 and most of the training sessions did not take place for the following reasons:

- Leaders meetings were only conducted twice in February and March due to the ban that the government imposed on gatherings of any sort.
- We did not have our yearly outreach that usually takes place during the Youth Week in August every year. Furthermore, the Youth Week Sports Bonanza, was cancelled where Starfish organise sporting activities where we preach to both teams and spectators.
- Club Centre meetings with children were suspended to prevent the spread of the virus.
- Starfish staff could not visit clubs due to the COVID 19 measures that were put in place.

WHAT WAS DONE.

Looking at what happened in the year following the COVID 19 preventive measures, the Starfish office decided to organise an end of year day with the Children's Leaders in order to encourage them.

The meeting took place on 26th November 2020 at Kaputu primary School. On this day, the Leaders were encouraged to look into a bigger picture in all they do in order to focus on the vision of Children's Ministry. Bornwell taught from Genesis 1:26 with emphasis that God created man in his own image and that he had a bigger picture of the man God wanted to create in his image. The Leaders received K3000 each and clothes as a gift from Starfish. In emphasizing the point of ministry Emmanuel Uwaezuoke, Country Director, encouraged the leaders to plan well for next year so that they resume with passion.

It was suggested that if all goes well with regards to COVID 19, by January 2021, children clubs' leaders will resume monthly trainings.

The children club leaders thanked Starfish for the timely gift of clothes and cash.



Photo 2. Leaders selecting clothes.

RABBECA CHIMBALU



I am Rabbeca Chimbalu from Msangu children's club, I have learnt a lot from the lessons we receive at Kaputu primary School during our monthly meetings.

I have knowledge of how to teach Children using various methods. I can teach using a song, pictures and sometimes I use a Bible story in a simple way.

The meetings have further taught us that teaching should be fun. We laugh together with the children and I thank God that my life and the life of the Children I teach will not remain the same. I am a born again Christian and a member of Malawi Assemblies of God.

Photo 3. Rabbeca Chimbalu from Msangu children's club