

## CHILDREN'S WORK 2021 MID YEAR REPORT

The programme is there to help children know God and learn what the Bible says about them and what it says about God and his love for the children. It also helps them to make informed decisions after going through the lessons offered in the programme. It offers a safe zone to learn and to play with other children. Currently there are 14 centres with 45 volunteers working in the project. The programme targets children from 4 to 16 years of age and also the parents of the children who attend the activities in the centres.

The clubs meet once a week at the following centres: Gwirize, Mkonkha, Rashidi, Lifuwu, Gaga, Msangu Takomana, Katerera, Mtemeiti, Malapa, G.T.O.C, Chapita, Kaputu and Katitima. The activities rolled out are bible lessons, playing football and netball, games, singing and praying.

### The numbers attending each club as follows:

Gwirize	36
G.T.O.C	350
Mkonkha	35
Malapa	15
Mtemeiti	26
Msangu	80
Takomana	162
Kaputu	45
Lifuwu	15
Katitima	192
Katerera	20
Gaga	46
Rashidi	33
Chapita	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>1079</b>

### RESUMING ACTIVITIES

Since the start of coronavirus last year 2020, the Children's club programme was disturbed because of the restrictions which were put in place by Government to stop the spread of the pandemic, but now activities have resumed due to the lifting of restrictions, including the reopening of schools.

The first activity that we started were the Leaders' monthly training that took place on 21st May, 2021. Leaders were encouraged to have compassion on children. The scripture reading was Mathews 9:35-38, which encouraged them to fan the fire of God in their lives for God's work. There were 22 leaders who attended the meeting. The second meeting took place on 17th June, 2021 where the leaders were taught on how to present a child-friendly session.



*Leaders at the training at Kaputu school*

#### *Memory Chafoteza*



Memory Chafoteza has been a leader with the Glad Tidings Club for some years and she says, 'I am Memory Chafoteza from Glad Tidings Children's Club. First of all, I would like to thank God for saving my life and being born again, because now I am a happy person because Jesus lives in my heart.

Working with children has helped me to change my life in different ways. I now know how to pray for and help the children. I have also known how to tell the Bible stories to children and have grown spiritually because I do read the Bible frequently.

I would like to encourage other Children's Club Leaders that they should have a good relationship with God and have Him in their heart, because without Jesus nothing can work in the lives of children.'

A member of the Glad Tidings Children's club, Donata Suluma aged 13 years old, shares, 'I started going to G.T.O.C Children's Club in the year 2014. Before I started going to the centre I was unruly to my parents and liked fighting with my fellow kids. After I came to the centre and started learning the lessons there about the Gospel my life changed and am no longer rude to parents and stopped fighting. I now go to Church at Baptist Church.'



*DONATA SULUMA*