

## LEGACY FOOTFALLS: ARINGA MISSION ACTIVITY REPORT FOR MONTH 21 SUBMITTED BY BENON KATUMWA

Following the milestone moments of Month 20, the Aringa Mission entered Month 21 with renewed clarity. The previous trip marked a turning point—where evangelism started to mature into intentional discipleship, leadership identification, and the birth of the Legacy Link program. Month 21 was a season marked by grit, and endurance amid unexpected national challenges.

This report reflects a continuation of the journey begun in Month 20. While the external environment grew more difficult, the Gospel work did not slow. Instead, it deepened. Children continued to learn, believe, and grow—proving that the foundation laid through VBS, weekly bible engagement, and computer literacy is bearing enduring fruit.

Thank you, NUBF, for faithfully allowing yourselves to be used by God for the Aringa people. Because you prayed, gave, and sent, the work endured, the children were strengthened, and the gospel moved forward despite many challenges.

### MISSION UPDATE:

Month 21 met us in a challenging season. When the nationwide teachers' strike swept across Uganda, many schools were left almost empty. At Wolo and St. John's Primary Schools, only a few administrators remained—faithfully holding the doors open after most of the teaching staff had been forced to step away. The children came anyway, some without uniforms, carrying quiet fear and unanswered questions as national exams drew near.

We worked closely with these administrators, supporting them as they tried to keep the children focused. Many of the Primary 7 candidates felt scared and abandoned. Yet in that fragile space, they kept showing up—attending their Bible classes, and continuing with computer lessons.

Aringa Mission remained present, our presence made a loud sound Saying *“you're okay, you're not alone, and this will work out.”* Through the support you sent, each child received a success card as they prepared for their national examinations—simple words of prayer and encouragement, offered at exactly the right time.

In that moment, the Gospel quietly found its way into their hearts. When teachers were absent and the children felt forgotten, your partnership became a visible line of care—woven together with the school administrators—reminding the children that they were not alone, that God was near, thank you for making this possible. Watching the children walk into their national exams with renewed courage was something we will not forget.

## JOYFULL NOISE GIFT IMPACT:

The \$600 sent through the Joyful Noise Campaign two years ago has now been fully utilized, directly enabling vulnerable children to remain in school during moments of crisis.

These funds proved critical at times when families faced school-fee shortages and were uncertain how to clear accumulated balances. The support helped bridge gaps, cleared backlogs, and allowed guardians to stabilize and resume regular fee payments.

The primary beneficiary of these funds was Asianzu Consulate, whose education continuity would have been severely disrupted without this timely intervention. Additional beneficiaries included Kevin, Edwin, Emmanuella, Minima, Fortunate, and Mosika—each representing a story of rescue, dignity, and renewed hope.

This impact demonstrates that the generosity from the NUBF children's church preserved momentum, protected learning, and affirmed to these children that they are seen, valued, and supported.

## LOOKING AHEAD: SCHOOL FEES SUPPORT NEEDS (COMING YEAR):

As we prepare for the upcoming academic year, we have identified seven children who require **modest school-fee supplementation** to remain fully enrolled and focused throughout 2026:

1. Asianzu Consulate – \$180
2. Kevin – \$89
3. Edwin – \$40
4. Emmanuella – \$40
5. Minima – \$89
6. Fortunate and Mafu – \$89
7. Mosika – \$89

The **total one-time support needed for the full year is \$616**, subject to the availability of funds earmarked for school-fee assistance through the *Joyful Noise* campaign conducted a few years ago.

This support will help maintain stability for these learners, ensuring continuity in their education and safeguarding the progress they have already worked hard to achieve.

## DISCIPLESHIP & MISSION STRATEGY CONTINUITY:

Building directly on the Legacy Link vision launched in Month 20, Month 21 focused on preparation and alignment for a uniquely structured year ahead. The next four mission engagements will intentionally bend towards discipleship, with a mix of evangelism, and digital connection.

- **Online Discipleship Launch – done**
- **Mission for Month 22 – March**
- **Mission for Month 23 – May VBS Camp IV**
- **Mission for Month 24 – August**
- **Mission for Month 24 – September National VBS Camp**

## PRAISE REPORT:

### **Praise God for Testimonies of Prayer and Transformation!**

We share with joy what can only be described as a testimony accelerated by prayer. In our Month 20 report, we sent our requests, and you gathered to call on the name of the Lord for Aringa. God answered!

You prayed for protection. Through the teachers' strike, God rearranged our schedule and moved our team out of Yumbe before violence erupted against Christians and their property. According to our original plan, we would have been there. But the Lord went before us. Not one team member was harmed.

You prayed that the mission would continue. Even during the strike, Bible classes and computer lessons went on. Children came. The Gospel was preached. Nothing was cancelled. Nothing was lost. In private schools such as **St. Daniel's, St. John's, and St. Peter's**, learning continued without interruption. In Wolo primary school and other government schools P7 class continued with the classes, completed the curriculum in Computer and bible as scheduled.

You prayed for seeds of faith to grow. Now, youth are stepping into deeper discipleship and asking bold spiritual questions on our Legacy Link What's App. One disciple, **Mafu Yaphat**, shared on WhatsApp:

*"I used to fear speaking about Jesus, but I know God is with me, and I want my friends to know Him too."*

We also celebrate the life-changing impact of the program on children like **Munguken**. Two years ago, he was ready to drop out of school and join the army, like many of his friends. He came asking only for a computer certificate, thinking it was the fastest way forward. But we challenged him to stay, finish P7, and sit for our Head of Course exams to get the program certificate.

Through the program, Munguken gained more than computer skills — he grew in patience, discipline, and confidence. Today, he has completed his PLE exams and earned his certificate — a national qualification ready to shape his future. Munguken’s story is a living testimony that Aringa mission program is making a real difference, giving children hope, guidance, and the tools to dream bigger.

NUBF, when you pray and invest in these children, God moves. Heaven listens. Heaven responds. In Aringa, children are living inside the answers to your prayers.

**To God be all the glory for these victories and for every child whose life is being transformed!**

PRAYER REQUESTS:

### **1. Children’s Endurance and Guidance**

- Pray for courage, calm hearts, and focus as children continue their education despite challenges.
- Intercede for the seven children needing school-fee support: **Asianzu Consulate, Kevin, Edwin, Emmanuella, Minima, Fortunate & Mafu, and Mosika**. Pray for provision so none are forced out of school.
- Pray for those moving from Primary to Secondary school, that God directs them to institutions with active Christian discipleship, such as **Breeze of Grace**.
- Thank God for the **Joyful Noise gifts** that have preserved learning and hope for vulnerable children.

### **2. Discipleship and Digital Connection**

- Pray for the five youth in deeper discipleship, that they remain rooted in faith, teachable, and courageous.
- Ask God to provide phones, connectivity, and access so more youth can join **Legacy Link** and grow spiritually online.
- Pray that Legacy Link, Bible classes, and computer programs continue equipping children with wisdom, life skills, and boldness to live faithfully.

### 3. Wisdom, Guidance, and Protection for the Team

- Pray for divine wisdom, discernment, and insight in every decision regarding planning, teaching, and outreach.
- Ask God to protect the team physically, spiritually, and emotionally, keeping them safe and steadfast.
- Pray for humility, maturity, and sensitivity in all interactions, reflecting Christ's love.

### 4. Upcoming Aringa Mission Trip (Month 22 – March)

- Pray for wisdom in selecting young evangelists who are spiritually prepared and sensitive to the children's needs.
- Pray for provision—financial, logistical, and spiritual—for a smooth and impactful mission.
- Pray for boldness, confidence, and discernment, especially in areas that have experienced past attacks on Christians.

### 5. Special Prayer for Evans and Family

- Pray for **Evans**—complete healing and restoration after his stroke and partial paralysis.
- Pray for strength, patience, and courage for him as he navigates daily challenges.
- Lift up his **wife and children**, asking God to provide emotional, spiritual, and practical support.
- Pray for their son **Kennedy** in Primary 6 at Eleke that he continues school successfully and grows in faith and character.
- Pray for **Doreen**, who has completed her Uganda Certificate of Education that God opens doors of opportunity and guides her career path.
- Pray for peace, provision, and unity over the whole family during this season.

## PLANS FOR MONTH 22

As we step into Month 22, we will bring the Gospel to six schools, blending Bible teaching, computer skills, and the guidance of spiritually curious children into the **Legacy Link** discipleship pathway. Through consistent presence, encouragement, and learning, we aim to nurture faith, build confidence, and equip young hearts with skills and wisdom to grow, shine, and lead. With God's hand upon us, this next season promises deeper discipleship, lasting impact, and lives transformed for His glory.