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Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a safe and happy Christmas. CRANE are looking forward to this new year with new opportunities and many more stories of how the lives of children at risk have been changed for the better.

We look forward to working with you in 2015!

CHILD AMBASSADORS ENJOY SUPERCAMP!

Maureen, David and Joan had a wonderful time at Supercamp last December, along with 346 other child ambassadors. Most importantly they learnt how children with special needs should be treated fairly and equally.

Maureen

“At camp, I have liked playing on the trampoline and swimming in the portable swimming pool. The talk show was so exciting. I also liked and learnt about children with special needs. I will teach the community not to discriminate against disabled children.

My most exciting part of camp was visiting the disabled people.”

They all enjoyed playing games, craft making, fashion shows, singing and dancing.

David

“I have enjoyed football because our team was very creative. I also enjoyed the talk show and the fashion night. I have learnt

we are vessels of information and not to segregate disabled people. I however didn't like it when my team was defeated. The most exciting part of camp for me was the talk show.”

The child ambassadors also had the opportunity to visit a CRANE member working with children with special needs. This gave them the chance to put what they had learnt into practice and make new friends.

Joan

“What I enjoyed most at camp was crafts painting what makes me special and visiting Afayo where I got a new friend called Flavia. I also learnt new skills and lessons like making bangles and table manners. My most exciting part of camp was morning drills.”

GIRLS' EDUCATION CHALLENGE

Annette thought she would never attend school again and was destined to marry young.

"I was in primary 6 in 2009 and was sixth in my class. My father refused to pay my school fees because I was a girl and would marry. My mother didn't have any money so I resorted to being a house girl at 12 years and was mistreated.

This is where mentor David found me and encouraged me to, once again, love school and I joined the Creative Learning Centre for 3 months.

I couldn't believe I would go to school after 4 years and feared class because I was old. Mentors continued to encourage me even when I got sick and missed some lessons.

I read books for my primary leaving exams and finally got 19 points as second grade and I thank God for that success."

We are committed to getting at least 1,990 girls back into school, having first spent 6 months in one of the 20 Creative Learning Centres (CLCs) that network members are running in their communities.



Timothy and Simon were brought to a member of CRANE by the police after their mother developed a mental illness and tried to kill her boys.

Timothy and Simon were brought to a baby's home by the police. The social worker at the home had attended CRANE's reintegration training where he learnt the importance of tracing families and began tracing for the 2 boys family.

He started at their ancestral home where he met the chairman of the area. He showed the chairman pictures of the boys and he immediately recognised them.

When the family was found they didn't hesitate to take the children back. With the help of CRANE, Timothy and Simon were resettled with their grandparents. The whole family gathered to celebrate the return of the boys and promised to take good care of them.

CHRISTMAS IN BWAISE!

Over 100 children filled Jesus Outreach Church in Bwaise for their Christmas Party. They enjoyed games, a Christmas story, food, cake and much more. Father Christmas even made an appearance!



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