

# ABETAVU NEWSLETTER GIVING TUESDAY 2025

## Riverside Community Church Missions Update



### 2025 Update – Carli and Robert Birungi

Dear Friends of Abetavu,

We are happy to share that Robert has reached Uganda safely and will be on the ground serving at Abetavu for the next three months. Today, on Giving Tuesday, we invite you to be part of something truly transformative. In our community in Uganda, families are striving for stability, children are hoping for opportunity, and Grandmothers are carrying the weight of entire households. Your generosity today can offer dignity, hope, and a future that stretches far beyond this season. We have still not reached our fundraising goal in time for Christmas.

Below are four ways you can make an immediate and lasting impact:

Financial Donations can be made at:

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## 1. Seeds of Hope Farming Initiative — \$100 per Family

For just \$100, you can empower a family for an entire year with farming education, tools, seeds, and ongoing support. This isn't a one-time gift — it's a lifetime of food security, resilience, and self-sufficiency. Families who graduate from the program are able to feed their children, teach their skills to the next generation, and stand strong against hunger.

We currently serve 50 families per year, but the need is far greater. Your Giving Tuesday gift can help us double enrollment to 100 families.

\$100 changes one family's future.

## 2. Foam Mattresses for Grandmothers & Families — \$35 Each

During recent home visits, we saw how many Grandmothers and families are sleeping on woven mats on hard floors. The discomfort, pain, and lack of rest are heartbreaking.

Our goal is to provide 50 foam mattresses this Christmas season so families can sleep with comfort and dignity. We still need to raise funds for 20 more mattresses to reach our goal this Christmas.

Just \$35 gives a Grandmother a safe, soft place to rest.





### 3. Abetavu's Annual Children's Christmas Party — \$10 per Child

For many children in our community, this joyful celebration is the only festive event they experience all year.

This December, 350 children will gather for: Food, Face Painting, Music, Gifts, a Bouncy Castle, and a Special Care Package to take home.

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to the Girl Guides for providing the gifts for the children this year.

We still need to raise the funds for 200 more children.

At \$10 per child, you can help make this day unforgettable for a child who deserves to feel celebrated.



### 4. Special Needs Program — \$500/month Needed

Our special needs program is one of our most urgent and deeply impactful initiatives. We want to expand home visits, reach isolated families in the village, offer hospital support, and continue educating the community to reduce stigma and protect these precious children.

To operate fully, we need \$500 each month for:

- Two Dedicated Staff
- Specialized Resources and Materials
- Community Meetings
- Emergency Support and Medical Care

If you feel called to support this program monthly or help sustain it in any way, please reach out to us directly at

[traverscarli@gmail.com](mailto:traverscarli@gmail.com).





## Prayer Requests:

**Seeds of Hope Families:** Pray for strength, good harvests, and long-term stability for the families entering the farming program.

**Grandmothers & Mattresses:** Pray for comfort, dignity, and peaceful rest for families receiving mattresses this Christmas.

**Children's Christmas Party:** Pray for joy, safety, and a deep sense of love for all 350 children attending.

**Special Needs Program:** Pray for provision, protection, and expanded reach to children still waiting for support.

**Staff & Volunteers:** Pray for health, wisdom, and encouragement as they serve the community daily.

**Financial Provision:** Pray that every need across all programs is fully met.

**Community Unity:** Pray for peace, compassion, and strengthened relationships throughout the village.



Thank you for giving.  
Thank you for caring.  
Thank you for believing in our  
community.  
With gratitude,  
Carli & Robe

## Every Dollar Counts. Every Gift Brings Hope.

On this Giving Tuesday, we invite you to stand with us — with the families learning to farm, the Grandmothers longing for rest, the children waiting for Christmas joy, and the little ones with special needs who deserve safety, love, and opportunity.

Your generosity today creates ripples of hope that will be felt for years to come

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