

Youthworx East Africa News Letter

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How many Christmas News letters will start "My word!! This year has past so quickly!"

So here goes: "My word! This year has past so quickly!" And it has been quite a tough, confusing and exhausting one over here. Looking back over the 12 months of rising cost of living, political intrigue, Ebola/Marburg fever, weird weather patterns..... As Chinua Achebe (Nigerian Author) says..."Things Fall apart" and here in Africa this is a daily reality. It could all be depressing.

But it is not. For through all of this we have seen God at work, partnerships grow and strengthen, trainings, camps, conferences successfully completed, the city youth workers network (KAYNET) bringing us into healthy fellowship with many Kampala youth workers/pastors. A continuing working relationship



Team during a retreat recently

with Kampala International church helping to resource our work.

This Sunday I am preaching on Isaiah 9:1-7. I am so grateful for the light that still shines in all the dark places bringing counsel, peace, justice and righteousness.

We have seen Gods hand in difficult times, building our faith and offering encouragement.

Probably the most encouraging thing personally is the sense of vision for the future that has come out of our planning retreats. Clearly our work is not over yet and we can look forward to 2013 with anticipation of where the Holy Spirit is leading us.

Thank you once again for standing by us, supporting us, praying for us. We really appreciate your partnership in this work for young people in East Africa. Have a merry Christmas and I pray for every blessing for you and your family in the coming New Year.

Ian.

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Greetings from us (Collin, Lynette and Ryan). 2012 has been a challenging year for us and many more around us but Gods grace and mercy through Jesus has seen us through.

We wish all of you a happy Christmas season and pray grace, mercy and love for you and your loved ones. And a blessed 2013.

Merry Christmas!

Collin, Lynette and Ryan.

Dear Friends and Partners,

It has been an amazing journey. A journey that has tested my faith and, I must confess, at certain points found it wanting. But also a journey that has grown my faith.

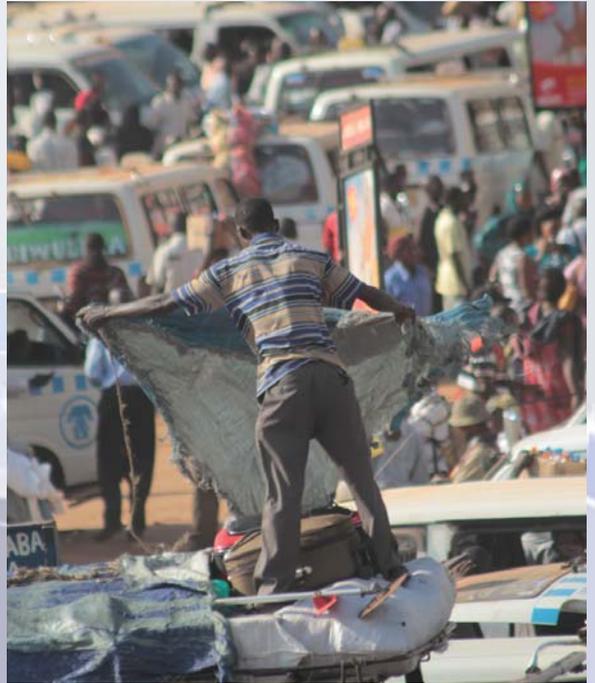
This Christmas I am extremely grateful to God for His provision for my family. I want to bless the Lord for the work and lives that YEA has impacted, both directly and indirectly. I want to thank the Lord for you, our partners and friends for all your support and encouragement. And I pray as we step into the new year may all these aspects be carried on and multiplied.

Greetings to the CIST team, the Walton family and the dedicated team of Trustees. May God richly bless you.

Eugene.

Please pray for:

- The YEA team and our families.
- For the YEA 2013 work plan
- Progress in the camp site plans
- The right decisions for our vehicles
- Plans for Ian to visit UK/Europe this coming year
- Our move towards generating local income
- All our partners here, in the city and around the region.
- Peace, security and stability for Uganda and the other nations in the East Africa region.



Kampala this season is dominated by shops selling Christmas goods (Left) and people and goods loading for the villages (Top)

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