



# Youthworx East Africa News Letter

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## TALENTS OF GOLD: A Mine of Potential

Over the next couple of months, on top of the usual updates, we will be focusing on some of the various people and organisations that we partner with.

Today we introduce Talents of Gold.

A few years back, Alan was convicted to do something to spread the gospel in his neighbourhood. At that time he was living in Kawempe, a suburb of Kampala. There was a nearby sports field that was attached to a church, and this is where he started from.



Once a week, he would meet up with a group of young people, he started with fifteen. However, he had to move the meeting grounds to another location away from the church. This slightly affected his ability to meet what he feels is his calling; to mentor and disciple young people.

After a few months of looking around for a location, he approached one of the local council leaders and asked for permission to use a stretch of land that was vacant and today he and his team meet with over 150 young people every week!

### *Why is this of interest to Youthworx?*

Well, Colin introduced Alan to the Youthworx team and, having listened to his core aim -which is to disciple and mentor young people, we were convicted to support the work that he does, as far as we possibly could. And we are glad to say we have now been doing this for the last three months, through one of our short-term volunteers, Christoph Westercamp. We have written about Chris's involvement with Youthworx in the last newsletters, but today we focus on involvement with Talents of Gold as an 'attache' from Youthworx.



After we were introduced to Alan and had the opportunity to visit the program and see it in action, the sheer potential of the program cannot be understated. 150 young people gather every week to play games/sports. Some are purely interested in the sports but, as Alan says, this is just a matter of time. From his experience, many of his current leaders were attracted to the program mainly for the fun of the sports and nothing else.

The program has a 45minute session that runs every evening where the leaders share from the Bible and encourage the young people to study more of it and make a personal commitment to follow Christ and grow in the knowledge of Him. This is not a simple task - obviously- there is a constant need to be fresh and up to date with the best ways of delivering this information to young people, there is the need to have the right tools/ sports equipment to do this, there is the need to have actual qualified personnel to do the sports training sessions, there is also the almost overwhelming need to identify and equip the leadership to be able to commit and handle the growth of these young people.

This is where as Youthworx we come in. Whenever we have been able to, we have donated sports equipment and other material to the program. Recently, we carried out a leadership training session for the programs' leadership and, from Christoph's analysis, we need to do this more intensely and often. We recently shot a video interview of the programs' leadership and we will be uploading it so that this program can get more visibility online. It is a program that we believe in as the YEA Local Team and are fully committed to supporting it to achieve its goals.

These goals tie in with what the Bible teaches us as Christians;  
Mathew 28:19- 20

“ 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all men, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I'll be with you always, to the very end of the age” NIV Study Bible.