

CHURCH OF UGANDA

KAGANDO HOSPITAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (KARUDEC)

Re: Farming Gods' Way Harvest Results and Program Updates

Simple Back Ground Information.

The first planting season started in the month of March 2016 after the first trainings. Among the trained participants, were the community subsistence farmers, the clergy and church fellowship teams, school teachers and pupils. However some of the farmers delayed to plant on time because of the long drought.

To a great extent, some of the trainees eagerly adapted and went ahead to practice and 'experiment' what was taught to them.

Attitude of Farmers and conditions of the Gardens and Crops

Participants exhibited the skills and knowledge passed to them backed by close supervision of the Farming Gods' Way implementing staff from KARUDEC. The crops looked good, healthy and green despite the hot environment. Parishes, Farmers and institutions that have achieved remarkable results are;

Kinyamaseke Parish, Kamughobe Parish, Karambi Parish, Rwentutu parish, Mundongo Primary School, Kagando primary school, Mr. Kimbwembwe Moses, Musasa Women Development Group (Kyarumba sub county).

Kinyamaseke Parish garden

The fellowship members of Kinyamaseke parish planted Maize, Tomatoes, and Sweet potatoes. All crops planted gave good results of the harvest despite the hot/sunny season. For example maize produce from only a 15 x 25ft managed to give them a harvest of 25kgs from only ¼ of a kilogram.

This parish's tomato garden was also planted on 14th /May/2016, by 13th /07/2016 (period of only 2 months) each tomato plant was bearing over 25 tomato berries. These Tomatoes will be harvested by mid-August 2016. To the contrary, other gardens in the neighbourhood using ordinary conventional farming methods have experienced, and have been affected by the long drought and completely no harvests are to be realised from these gardens.

Farming Gods' way gardens condition is unusual and is largely attributed to the use of Gods' blanket which provided enough moisture and supported the good yield from the maize and tomato gardens where ever Farming Gods' way was practiced. We praise God for these results at the inception of the program.

It is therefore from these vivid results that more farmers have promised to expand on their gardens using Farming God's Way practices this season come these months August – September 2016.

On a spiritual note, Kinyamaseke has gazetted Wednesdays as the day to convene and reflect on the Biblical keys under Farming God's Way, and there after they go to work on the garden at the parish headquarters. The sweet potatoes garden will be harvested at the end of this month august 2016.

Below are some of the pictures of Kinyamaseke parish FGW garden.



**A well fed and good looking Maize cob despite the hot environment in Kinyamaseke parish
Kinyamaseke parishes' good looking Tomato garden with Gods' though in hot environment**



**Good looking tomatoes on Kinyamaseke parish FGW Tomamato garden
well soil covered Sweet Potatoes Garden at Kinyamaseke Parish Under FGW.**

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Kagando Hospital Farm Farming Gods' Way experience:

After the last years' training in Kampala the Farm team established an Onions garden of 33mtrs x 30mtrs size only under farming Gods' Way and we managed to harvest onions from which we earned 230,000 Ugx in April. This harvest and experience has attracted many community farmers and students including those from Congo to inquire and learn about Farming Gods' Way new system of farming.

And this season we have planted Onions, Carrots, and Sweet potatoes on KARUDEC Farm.



The already harvested Kagando Hospital Farm Onions Garden with Gods' blanket

Kagando Primary School Farming Gods' Way garden.

Kagando primary school has formed a FGW school club. This club conducts fellowships with the school scripture union members. The pupils were trained and demonstrated their skills and knowledge on a small portion of 40ft x 14ft square land. They managed to harvest 27 kgs of maize. This harvest has attracted interest of pupils, school management, and the school parents. For this reason, the school management has gazetted half an acre of the school land which will be farmed under farming Gods' Way, in order to have enough food for children and their teachers while at school.



**Pupils measuring the square ft of the planted garden before harvesting as a tool to keep farm/garden records.
Harvesting the maize**

Mundongo Primary School Farming Gods' way garden.

The schools' teachers and pupils were trained, and immediately the pupils and teachers were so enthusiastic and picked courage to give it a try and established a small maize portion of 20ft x 30ft. They managed to harvest 30kgs, having planted only a ½ nice cup. From these results and experience the school parents requested KARUDEC FGW implementing team to train them, which request was responded to since this place is in our catchment area.

Attached also is the clubs' report about Farming God's Way.

And below are the pictures of the pupils harvesting maize and their parents in a training session;



Parents of Mundongo Primary School in theory training as per their request applications

On garden practical

Mundongo P/S FGW club harvesting maize

Church of God's success story

Interestingly the few members who practiced Farming God's Way harvested good yields despite the hot season.

Members who planted one cup of beans managed to harvest 13 cups and those who planted one cup of G/nuts managed to harvest 10 kilograms where as their neighbour who planted three cups of G/nuts without using Farming God's Way only harvested three cups.

Karambi Parish FGW Garden

This parish planted sweet potatoes under Farming God's Way and their time of harvest is by the end of this month. The trained Christians from this parish have also conducted Farming God's Way trainings in other four churches of this parish; we commend them for this work. The FGW congregation also meets on Wednesdays to learn on the major biblical keys in Farming God's Way.



Karambi Parish Sweet potatoes garden with God's Blanket and permanent peg for permanence.

Challenges

- 1- The long drought which affected most farmers.
- 2- Common pests, diseases and weeds were sited in a few areas.

Key remarks, observations and voices as recorded from the participants and non-participants.

- 1) All crops so far practiced have shown resistance to desiccation because of the moisture content kept due to the use of the God's blanket.
- 2) Crops grow while healthy, fast, and can easily resist disease attack.
- 3) Farmers who have participated and witnessed the results admit never to trust other 'gods' and witch craft the so called/ locally known as "rain

makers’. In support of this, one member was quoted as saying “*if the crops can flourish like this in this dry season, how would they look if rain had been received in abundance*”.

Another member was quoted as saying “*what is the kind of magic put in these gardens*”. Such statements give us hope that if enough rain is received the next seasons more good and better results will be achieved.

- 4) More Farmers and Farmer groups are requesting for another training to consolidate the observed results and enhance their skills and knowledge for continuous accurate and adaption of the FGW basic applications.
- 5) Farmers are also beginning to see the need of no- ploughing, no-burning and practice of crop rotation which if followed the exhausted soils can be reclaimed for productive agriculture which FGW emphasises.
- 6) When a garden is continuously mulched with God’s blanket during and after the planting season, it becomes well watered (moist laden) to allow one to plant crops at any time of the season. This is our ideal goal that every focal farmer may ultimately achieve.
- 7) During the proceeding interventions, farmers’ attitudes will gradually be reversed towards acknowledging God and God alone with Gods’ all sufficiency. And that the power is in God’s freely given resources (Isaiah 8:19-22, Leviticus 19:31, Deuteronomy 18:10, Deuteronomy 5:7-8, Mathew 6:24, and 24:3)

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RE: BRIEF REPORT ON GOD'S WAY FARMING

On behalf of Mundongo Primary School and its teachers, we hereby thank the services of the school administration and the officials of God's way Farming who managed to come to our school on 6th Feb. 2016. They sensitized and trained us on better methods of farming.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Basing on the above training, we have managed to achieve the following:-

1. We have formed GOD'S WAY FARMING CLUB in the school.
2. On top of this, we have made demonstration garden in the school which has maize and sweet potatoes plants.
3. Also, we have learnt the methods involved in GOD'S WAY FARMING which foster qualitative farming.
- ✓ 4. We have also formed a COME TOGETHER PRAYER GROUP. This has helped us to always pray for our crops to grow well.

CHALLENGES

Inspite of the above achievements, the following challenges have been met when carrying out our God's Way activities

1. To begin with, there is shortage of hoes to prepare land for GOD'S WAY FARMING.
2. Secondly, there is need for wheel barrows to carryout the mulch.
3. Thirdly, there is need for gloves to cover the fingers to avoid germs contained in the animal dung.
4. There is need for watering cans since we experience hot, dry and wet seasons.
5. Also, there is need for gum boots during digging and transfer of mulch.
6. There is need for treated seeds. Some times, we plant some seeds which are of poor quality and they fail to germinate.

GOD'S WAY FARMING CLUB STRUCTURE

We have 20 members but below is its executive:-

Chairperson	Mulodi Collins
Vice/Chairperson	Kawutha Jesica
Secretary	Ntalibara Silve
Secretary for labour	Biira Sarah
Secretary for Information	Mumbere Ronald
Treasurer	Isingoma Bright

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Tembo Salvatori
2. Ithungu Scovia

OVERSEARS (TEACHERS)

1. Masereka John 0777299993
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In conclusion therefore, we highly request GOD'S WAY FARMING OFFICIALS to keep coming for more training and guidance. We so pray.

PROSPERITY FOR GOD'S WAY FARMING

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