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1.0 MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER.



Beloved Joyland Family,

As we close the chapter on 2024, my heart is full of gratitude. This year has been one of building, planting, and laying foundations. If there's one word for 2024, it would be structures. For the first time in our ministry journey, we took deliberate steps to put systems in place, governance, finance, operations, and compliance. It wasn't always glamorous, but it was necessary. Ministry that lasts must be built on order, accountability, and excellence.

“Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.” – Psalm 127:1

That verse kept us grounded all year. Every policy written, every account reconciled, every permit filed was our way of saying: “Lord, build this with us.” God was faithful. Souls were reached, lives were restored

To our partners, members, staff, and volunteers: thank you for believing with us. Thank you for giving, serving, praying, and standing in the gap. You are the reason Joyland Restoration Ministries is standing strong today.

As we step into 2025, we carry the foundation of 2024 with us. The structures are set. Now we build. Expect more impact, more reach, and more lives restored.

Happy New Year, and may the Lord continue to restore joy in every heart we touch.

With love and appreciation,

Mr Godfrey Adacar

Founder

Joyland Restoration Ministries

2.0 ABOUT THE ORGANISATION

Joyland is a duly registered organization dedicated to uplifting marginalized communities, with a profound love for children whose main aim is to provide education support, health, and empowerment to the communities where our children and young people come from.

3.0 VISION:

Committed to empower every orphaned and abandoned child to be loved, known, protected and cared for, every heart to be transformed by the grace of God.

4.0 MISSION:

Joyland Restoration Ministries is driven by a mission to bring the love of Christ to orphans/ neediest and vulnerable children in Uganda by caring for the whole child, providing support, and investing intentionally to building relationships with the families and communities we serve.

5.0 CORE VALUES:

Joyland is guided by five core values that influence everything we do. These principles define our organizational culture and guide the way we deliver humanitarian support. And they include;

- **Christ-Centered Love** ; Every child is loved, known, protected, and cared for.
- **Holistic Care** ; We serve the whole child: spirit, mind, and body.
- **Integrity and Accountability** ; Building structures that honor God and earn trust.
- **Community and Partnership** ; We invest in families and work with partners for greater impact.

- **Empowerment** ; Equipping children, youth, and families for sustainable livelihoods.

6.0 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

The 2023–2024 reporting period marked an important foundation year for Joyland Restoration



Ministries as the organization worked to establish its systems, strengthen partnerships, and engage communities across Uganda. As a newly registered national humanitarian organization built on faith, Joyland focused on building a strong operational base while responding to urgent community needs through practical and locally driven interventions.

Despite operating with limited resources, the organization was able to deliver meaningful support across several programme areas, particularly humanitarian assistance, youth empowerment, education support, and mental wellness. The achievements outlined below demonstrate Joyland’s commitment to empowering communities and expanding opportunities for vulnerable populations, especially young people.

6.1 KEY ACTIVITIES DONE BY JOYLAND RESTORATION MINISTRIES IN 2024

The 2024 reporting period marked an important foundation year for Joyland Restoration Ministries as the organization worked to establish its systems, strengthen partnerships, and engage communities across Uganda. However even through this period a few activities were done and these included the following:

Spiritual Growth & Discipleship

Key results

- Planted one church in Soroti advocating for underprivileged children. At the ministry we planted ministry in soroti as our first base of operations to win souls to Christ.
- Started four Audio Bible listening groups in Kikaramoja, Masese slum, Jinja with 65 members. The major aim of this was to spread the word as rapidly as possible.
- Formed 30 Audio Bible listening groups in Kotido and Turkana, reaching 600 people in local languages.
- Trained 30 Audio Bible group leaders across Kotido District in prisons and communities. platforms to raise awareness about the situation and mobilize support from partners and well-wishers.



7.0 CHALLENGES

Despite our achievements, Joyland has encountered various challenges throughout the year that have tested our resilience and prompted innovative approaches to ensure continued support for the communities we serve;

- ✓ **Limited Resource Basket:** As a newly established organization, Joyland has faced constraints in both financial and material resources, which sometimes limits the scale of interventions. Despite this, we strategically prioritize programs to ensure meaningful impact within available resources.
- ✓ **Limited Partnerships within Uganda:** Building strong collaborations and networks with local organizations, government agencies, and private sector actors is still underway. Expanding these partnerships is essential to strengthen program reach, sustainability, and community engagement.
- ✓ **A New NGO Without Adequate Experience:** Being a new organization in Uganda, Joyland is still building institutional knowledge and operational expertise. We continue to learn from each project to improve efficiency, program management, and long-term impact.

8.0 LESSONS LEARNED

The experiences gained during the reporting period provided valuable insights into the organization's growth and programme implementation. Reflecting on these lessons has helped Joyland Restoration Ministries identify areas for improvement and strengthen its approach to delivering effective and sustainable interventions.

✓ **Limited Resource Basket**

Working with limited financial and material resources has taught Joyland the importance of prioritization and strategic planning. We have learned to focus on high-impact interventions, optimize available resources, and mobilize support creatively to maximize benefits for communities.

✓ **A New NGO Without Adequate Experience**

Being a new organization has reinforced the need for continuous learning and adaptive management. Joyland has learned to document experiences, adopt best practices from

partner organizations, and strengthen internal systems to improve project planning, implementation, and long-term impact.”

✓ **Limited Partnerships within Uganda**

The experience of building partnerships has highlighted the value of collaboration and networking. Joyland has learned that early engagement with local stakeholders, transparent communication, and relationship-building are key to creating strong, lasting partnerships that enhance program effectiveness.



✓ **Vulnerability of Families:**

Land disputes and extreme poverty continue to threaten family stability and child safety.

✓ **Resource Gaps:**

Growing needs in healthcare, disability support, and livelihood training outpaced

available resources.

9.0 PLANS TO MOVE FORWARD (2025)

Building on the progress and lessons of 2024, Joyland Restoration Ministries will focus on strengthening programme implementation, expanding partnerships, and improving institutional capacity in 2025. The organization aims to deepen its impact by enhancing support to beneficiaries while ensuring sustainable and accountable growth. These priorities will guide our efforts as we continue working toward meaningful and lasting community transformation.

✓ **Expanding Resource Base**

Joyland will actively diversify its funding sources by engaging new donors, applying for grants, and exploring income-generating initiatives . This will increase financial stability and allow for scaling of high-impact programs.

✓ **Strengthening Partnerships within Uganda**

The organization plans to deepen collaborations with local NGOs, government agencies, and private sector actors. Targeted networking, joint initiatives, and stakeholder engagement will enhance program reach and sustainability.

✓ **Building Organizational Experience and Capacity**

Joyland will invest in staff capacity development, mentorship programs, and internal systems strengthening. By learning from best practices, documenting processes, and improving project management skills, the organization aims to deliver more efficient and impact programs.

✓ **Expand Child Sponsorship with special focus on resettlement of children with their families**

Increase number of sponsored children and add skills training for older youth transitioning out of school.

✓ **Strengthen Livelihoods**

Scale business and vocational training for mothers and caregivers in Jinja and Soroti.

✓ **Grow Discipleship:**

Plant additional churches, expand Audio Bible groups in Karamoja, and deepen discipleship through trained local leaders.



11.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO PARTNERS

Joyland Restoration Ministries extends its sincere appreciation to our partners for their continued support and collaboration. Your commitment and trust have been instrumental in advancing our mission and expanding opportunities for the communities we serve. We value this partnership and look forward to continuing our shared efforts to create lasting and meaningful impact.

Conclusion

2024 was the year we laid the foundation. 2025 is the year we build on it. We are grateful to God, our partners, staff, and community for walking with us. Together, we believe every orphaned and abandoned child can be loved, known, protected, and cared for — and every heart can be transformed by the grace of God.