

### Your Ministry to Vulnerable Mothers and Babies in Tanzania and Uganda

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### Ministry Progress at FPCT Turiani Church

July – December 2021



7 babies reached their first birthday and have transitioned to the Sponsorship program



These caregivers are learning to read and write, and also practice math skills. Education is improving their daily lives. Now they can read to their children, run small businesses and more.

**Cover Photo:** A Survival mom who participates in the program at FPCT Turiani Church prepares bananas for sale. The entrepreneurship training she received through the program inspired her to sell fruit to earn income for her family.

### Survival Program Spotlight: Delivery Care

The health of mothers and newborns is intricately related. Because of this, Compassion church partners provide prenatal care to give expectant moms and their babies the support they need for a safe and healthy birth. Mothers are able to attend prenatal medical appointments, when in the past they could never have considered such an expense. They also receive transportation to their local health center or hospital so they can keep those appointments. If their pregnancy has proceeded smoothly, skilled birth attendants guide and support them through the birthing process. Mothers who develop complications are connected to advanced medical care (including surgery, if necessary). After the babies arrive, the program gifts the new moms with baskets full of hygiene supplies and newborn necessities. All of this is possible through your generous giving!

### Renewing Hope for Florah

#### Dear Friends,

My name is Florah. My child is James. I thank God for this opportunity and for His grace. I was three months pregnant when I was registered. I am so much thankful for all the services that I have received.

I had complications while I was pregnant and needed two surgeries. There was no way that I could have afforded all these expenses. My baby would have died, or I would have died. My babe is one year old now. We mothers have learned a lot, including breastfeeding education and the importance of immunizations. We have learned how to make nutritious food for our children. We get treatment when we feel sick. We are provided meat, bananas and potatoes, which are essential for repairing the mother's body after delivery.

Survival provides many group activities. We make nutritious flour to sell. We grow vegetables to sell and to use in our daily meals. We sew rugs and decorations to sell. We make hand soap and sanitizers to prevent communicable diseases, and we sell it to our fellow neighbors to earn income. We are taught entrepreneurship seminars. These help us to establish our small businesses. We are learning how to keep our environment clean to avoid dangerous diseases.

The program has also helped us to grow spiritually. Some of us didn't know how to pray, but we now know and are doing so. We participate in church services, which is a great spiritual milestone to us. We have also improved socially. We have learned to cooperate and help each other when we face problems.

Thank you so much for your support. May God bless you and keep you and protect you from various circumstances in this world.

Florah



"Being in the program is the greatest thing that has ever happened in my life."

FLORAH

Letter edited for clarity.

### Ministry Progress at Kutung Church

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Survival parents learn about the importance of breastfeeding. The mothers committed to breastfeed exclusively for the first six months after birth, and the fathers committed to provide for the mothers' nutritional needs.



31 babies and their mothers served

3 babies born, and 100% had a healthy birth weight

**6** pregnant mothers received prenatal care

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4 babies, on average per month, received malnutrition treatment



12 babies reached their first birthday and have transitioned to the Sponsorship program

The Survival babies are monitored monthly to ensure they are growing at a healthy rate for their age.

## Renewing Hope for Jackline

#### Dear Friends,

I send you greetings in Jesus' Name.

I am Jackline and my husband is Sam. We have six children, and my youngest, Josea, is a Survival beneficiary. We live in a rural area. It is a peaceful community. I do different small jobs in my village to earn money, and my husband sells charcoal.

I thank God for the Survival program. They have taught us many things about taking care of our health. I have learned about breastfeeding, nutrition, immunization, family planning and more.



I have also learned to read and I am now able to

write my name. With skills training, I have been able to learn about tailoring. I can make nice shirts, skirts, school uniforms and dresses in all fashions. I plan to use these skills to support my family. My husband is also learning new skills thanks to the program. He is attending carpentry classes. This will increase our family income.

The Survival staff are really good to us. They show us a lot of love and concern for our family. They visit us at home and teach us how to raise our children in God's way. This has brought unity and respect in our family.

I take this opportunity to humbly thank you, my dear friends, for the love and support you are giving us.

May the Lord bless you abundantly in Jesus' name.

Jackline

"I really appreciate all that you have done for me. I am hopeful that my child's future will shine because of you."

JACKLINE



Survival families participate in a service opportunity, shoring up a fellow beneficiary family's house by "mudding" the exterior walls.



# Thank you!

Your gifts are helping create healthier lives for mothers and babies. Please reach out to me with any questions you may have.

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