

## Interview of Suuna James Kiggala, head of YFWP-Uganda

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**Question: Please give a brief introduction of yourself and your tasks.**

I am Ssuuna James Kiggala. I am thirty years old and was Blessed and married in 2009 with my beautiful wife Aime Mashihi from Democratic Republic of Congo. We are blessed with a four-year-old son. I became the president of Youth Federation for World Peace (YFWP) in 2012. My main task is to revive the organization here that had been inactive for a long period of time.



**Question: What is Youth Federation for World Peace? (Please expand on how it was founded and its main purpose.)**

YFWP-Uganda is an organization for young people that promotes True Parents' mission of bringing the youth together in order to restore them back to Heavenly Parent. Our motto is "Living for the Sake of Others."

It officially started in Uganda by our elder members but due to different problems, its activities collapsed. However, we decided to lift it up once again and this called for a tremendous investment of effort.

Having discovered that Uganda's population is mainly dominated by youth—over 65 percent—it motivated us to rejuvenate the Youth Federation for World Peace. We started by inviting young people from local communities to attend youth seminars at the Peace Embassy in Kampala (the capital and largest city of Uganda). We also directly visited some communities and held

workshops. However, our results were less than our expectations and we were unable to manage the big costs. From this background, we came up with the strategy of visiting schools.

**Question: The Pure Love Club seems to be the most active of your outreach programs. How did the idea of starting the Pure Love Club come about?**

After realizing that many young people make their life decisions during high school, we decided to find them in their schools. We were motivated by many reasons, among which was the fact that there were many faith-based school clubs and the Unification Church had none. Secondly, we heard testimonies about many of our youth who had been converted to other faiths through these school clubs. Finally, we have superior teachings, the Divine Principle, above all other teachings in the schools. Hence, we saw that it was a good strategy to reach out to the youth before they enter university.

**Question: What are the main programs you do, especially the outreach programs within schools?**

Our Pure Love Club activities include teaching character education to students in general. After which we

establish a club with those who are interested to learn more about our message. From that group we tell them to elect their leaders whom we give club t-shirts to. We also continue to teach our club members about True Parents' message on abstinence, the many dangers regarding early sex and sex outside of marriage. We then teach them good leadership skills. We show the young people how they can contribute to the society through spreading the pure love campaign.

We teach them the vision of living for the sake of others and the need to create a pure life based on the Principle.



**Question: What are the mission and vision of the Pure Love Club?**

Our mission and vision is establishing pure young people who can make a positive contribution to the society. We also have a vision to create new leaders through the Pure Love Club who will inherit the vision of living for the sake of others and help make our church strong.

**Question: What has the response been like from students and teachers as well as from the local communities?**

Many teachers have always been cooperative with us. At times some schools would allow us to conduct our program in their schools even if we did not have an appointment.

School directors have also been good in welcoming us. In the recently concluded Peace Road activities, we managed to have over fifteen Pure Love Club members and four teachers as club patrons.

**Question: What has your personal experience been like as you lead the Pure Love Club? (overall experience, personal growth, etc.)**

As a Youth Federation president, it has not been easy to make people aware of the mission and vision of YFWP-Uganda and the Pure Love Club. Leading church activities is a sacrifice, but this has helped me understand God's heart. We started the Pure Love Club with only our will. We didn't have any money, teaching materials—nothing. But we had determination, because True Father has said that where there is a will there is always a way, especially if it's God's will.



Fortunately, when we began we got a \$900 donation from one family in Croatia, the Dejan Perhat family. It helped us in meeting transportation costs, and in making club T-shirts for the whole year. We managed to visit over ten schools. We have launched the Pure Love Club in ten schools and we now have over three hundred members. It's not easy, but it is possible to restore humankind and that is our mission, and one which we can't run away from.

**Question: What do the future plans look like for this club?**

We will be having a Pure Love Club Members' Annual Camp that will be a vibrant. Our mission is to bring all members together to share and get to know each other and make new year's plans. We held our first Pure Love Club Members' Annual Camp at the end of 2015 and it was a success. We thank Heavenly parent and True Parents for that.

Also we hope that by 2020, we will have produced many blessing candidates, we will have reached thousands of schools and a consistent number of youth joining the church through the Pure Love Club.

Also, as we gain more ground, we will educate the parents of our members via the Family Federation and give them the marriage blessing. Plus we also hope to establish a good relationship with the society because of our virtues. On top of that, the teachers, patrons and directors of the schools shall be introduced to blessed life education and connect them to Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

**Question: Do you have any personal aspirations you would like to add?**

I thank our Heavenly Parent and True Parents for giving us the blessing and giving the knowledge that has distinguished us from the fallen world. I also thank everyone who prays for our nation and activities in Uganda. Finally, I would have loved to see True Father physically before he went to the spirit world, but I couldn't. I shed tears for that (unfulfilled hope) when I got the news of True Father's departure to the spirit world. However, I was consoled when I met one of the True Children, Rev. Kwon Jin Moon in Kenya. It is still my deepest desire to see True Mother physically. It's still my dream and I hope Heaven shall answer my prayers. Glory to Heavenly Parent and True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. Aju.