

Getting to know ROTOM Uganda's Program Director: Edith Kazimba

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Trying to ZOOM conference between the USA and Uganda can make for interesting interview circumstances. For my conversation with ROTOM Uganda, Program Director, Edith Kazimba, this meant several failed attempts at connecting; until she climbed into a car and drove down the road to find a better internet connection. If you have engaged with ROTOM for very long at all, then you are familiar with Edith, even if not by name. Edith's involvement with ROTOM goes back to the very beginning in 2004.

Edith knew ROTOM founders, Kenneth and Miriam Mugayehwenki first as parents of one of her kindergarten students. She would spend the day in the classroom with rambunctious kiddos and then finish her day as a volunteer with ROTOM seniors. As the organization began to grow, she was invited to become ROTOM Uganda's second Senior Care Worker, with Kenneth being the first. Since then she has transitioned through various titles in the organization until settling into her current role, as Uganda's Program Director. Edith is on the frontline managing communications, events and administrative reports for the ROTOM Uganda office.



The oldest and only boy, Brandon is 16.

Outside of the office, Edith has her hands full as well. She is married to Henry Kazimba and they have 4 children, ranging in age from 16 to 7. They have one boy and three girls. Talking about her children, Edith beams as she shares some of their favorite family hobbies. One is that of singing together. The younger kids like to see who can sing the best, which she believes is really just an excuse for them to see who can be the loudest.



At 12, Brianna is the oldest girl.

Personally, Edith's favorite hobby is getting to rest. Life as a working mom, juggling the needs of four kids is exhausting. Yet, every time a seniors face lights up with joy that had long been lost, she feels so blessed. They are so appreciative of such basic kindness, she explains.

Edith explains how the inability to participate in the Senior Fellowships due to COVID, has really been hard on everyone. For many of the seniors it their only time to connect with others. It is easy to see Edith's deep belief in the mission of ROTOM. She has faithfully served ROTOM seniors for over a decade!

This is a woman who knows how to make things happen, in the office, on the field and at home.

When asked how we in the States can support her, she offered an answer that any mother would understand. She asks that we pray for her kids. So the next time you see Edith's smiling face on a report, video or update; lift up a prayer for these beautiful kiddos. Edith is an amazing gift to this organization and we are so grateful to have her as part of the team.



Brielle & Brooklyn, at 8 & 7, are just one year apart.