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Dear friends, brothers and sisters in Christ,

We greet you in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. In the Advent season we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy Year 2020.

We are at the end of 2019 and in retrospect we realize it was a blessing for the Abaja ba Kristo community, although we have encountered obstacles that prevented us from realizing all plans.

First of all, we would like to thank our Lord Jesus Christ for his preservation and guidance in everything we could still achieve as a community, in close cooperation with the Friends of Sisters Foundation in Rwanda and with many friends and siblings in different countries. Our desire is to grow in faith, to know and love our Lord and Savior better.

Preparing for Christmas is a time of joy and hope for all Christians. The gospel of Jesus Christ, as Luke describes it, gives every reason to commemorate the birth of Christ:

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. "(Luke 2: 10-11)

We are delighted to welcome four young women who want to join our community and dedicate their lives to Jesus.

During the past year, God gave us the opportunity to implement important activities: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Nelson Mandela said and our community wants to focus on it above all. We are very grateful and thankful to God's goodness and the support of our friends, for the start of the construction of the primary school on our property. In the transition period we taught the children of class one in a temporary classroom. The two-story new building will have additional rooms in addition to the 12 classrooms.

The construction of the building is almost finished and the official opening is scheduled in February 2020. We were able to introduce a new training course for the RTSS (Rubengera Technical Secondary School): it is a four-month training course for local carpenters who want to expand their knowledge of modern woodworking.

The prophet Isaiah proclaimed us: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isa 9:6

Dear friends, brothers and sisters, once again we wish you happy holidays and a very happy new year with lots of joy and love. We know we are connected with you in God's love.

Kind regards, on behalf of the sister community

Abaja ba Kristo,

Sister Berthe MUKARURANGWA

