

CORONA STAKE NEWS

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A NEW HOME A NEW RELIGION

Meet Rosette...

Corona, CA -On January 9, 2021 Rosette Nsonga was baptized and became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Originally from Uganda, Rosette has worked as a political and human rights activist, a professional teacher, banker, and social worker and was the founder of an NGO (Non-governmental organization) in Uganda. She is currently seeking asylum here in the United States.

Rosette was born in Bugiri, Uganda--in East Africa. She is one of the three surviving siblings from her family of fourteen. She has three grown sons and has raised eleven adopted children. Rosette came alone to America 3 years ago, seeking asylum from political persecution from the Ugandan government. Because of her experiences in Uganda and here, Rosette was asked to be on the Board of Directors at Community Legal Aid SoCal.

One day while walking down the street in her colorful Ugandan clothing, a member of our stake whose mother was from Uganda pulled over and asked Rosette where she was from. Their friendship grew and her member friend often spoke to her about the church and The Book of Mormon. She also introduced her to another member of our stake who works with local refugees. Through our stake's refugee relief aid, Rosette was able to meet many sisters that were able to support her during this transition time. These introductions created new friendships that grew over the course of a year. After Rosette was asked to watch General Conference, this person recognized what a faithful woman Rosette was, someone who trusted in Heavenly Father completely invited Rosette to take the missionary discussions. The invitation was quickly accepted.



Pictured: Rosette Nsonga

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Raised in a strong Catholic background, Rosette says she, “was looking for a church that would help strengthen her faith in Jesus Christ.” At first, Rosette met with the missionaries in person but because of Covid-19 restrictions finished learning from them over Zoom. Rosette said her testimony of the church blossomed as she “watched a video about Joseph Smith when he prayed to God to reveal to him a true church.” She's currently working as a security guard and helping her family back home who have all lost jobs due to Covid-19. Rosette enjoys reading and writing and has written a memoir of her life experiences, which she hopes to publish. She also loves doing charity work, currently assisting the senior population of her village back home, by providing basic staples to make their lives more comfortable.



Pictured: Rosette Nsonga and Sister Missionaries

Rosette is “looking forward to spreading the Gospel about The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints to those who have not yet had the opportunity, especially back home in Uganda.”

LDS CHURCH PARTNERS WITH CORONA FRIEND'S CHURCH TO FEED NEEDY

Corona, CA On Feb. 6, 2021 Corona Friend's Church served 150 families with groceries for the needy. Women from the Relief Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints donated and collected a good portion of food that was given out.

The Stake Relief Society collected 100 cans of spaghetti sauce, 100 bags of spaghetti noodles, and 50 cans of chicken noodle soup. Ingrid Mirander the Director for The Free Food Distribution from Corona Friends Church said “We are so grateful for your donations, thank you, thank you.”



Pictured: Holly Waite, Ingrid Mirander and Volunteers

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Feed my Sheep

COLD HANDS WARM HEARTS

Corona, CA - Volunteers, city officials, and members from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints arrived on a cold rainy morning on Jan 23, 2021, in the parking lot of Corona City Hall to help pass out food for the needy with the non-profit *For the People Task Force*. F.T.P.T.F. receives pallets of food donations from stores like Walmart, Sam's Club, Costco, Stater Bros, and other food distributors that would otherwise throw away their food because of expiration dates. They collect food from each store and put them in their box trucks. They then rely on volunteers to help unload, organize and pass out the food to the long line of cars waiting in the parking lot. The most recent food distribution was held on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021, where missionaries from Riverside Mission were also able to help volunteer. Yousuf Bhaghani and Fauzia Rizvi are both founders of the non-profit and are always thankful for those who come out to help. F.T.P.T.F. has grown over the months and is experiencing some growing pains. Yousuf Bhaghani says "I need to find a warehouse to rent because I am only able to receive about half of the food that is available to me. Because I don't have anywhere to store the food I can only take so much".

F.T.P.T.F. holds a food distribution every two weeks in Corona, usually at Corona City Hall from 8-11:30 am. If you are interested in volunteering or if you have a warehouse available to rent please contact Kim Lay for more specific details.

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Pictured: Noah, Jace, Ryan Lay, Volunteer, Fauzia Fizvi, Kara Lubin



Noah, Jace, and Ryan Lay loading food into cars



Pictured: Sam Waddoups and boys, Sister Missionaries, Elder Radford, Fauzia Rizvi, Ryan, Noah, and Jace Lay, Elder Bistline

