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Welcome to the 4th Edition of the Children of Hope and Faith (COHF) Newsletter! The objective of this periodical is to communicate with our sponsors, donors and friends our initiatives and achievements in support of our mission.

Providing Catholic education to orphans and poor children in Tanzania, Africa

Letter from the President ...

Dear Supporters of Children of Hope and Faith,

This January will mark our 10th Anniversary of the first sponsorships of children to St. Peter Claver Grade School. We will also be traveling to Tanzania for a mission trip November 10th - November 28th. We are very excited to meet with the Bishops, visit with the children who are sponsored and visit with the Franciscan Sisters who operate Angel Home Orphanage and the principals of the schools where children are sponsored.



John Nuru Tuombe

The trip is also special because we will have three people joining us who are associated with Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). We will explore the possibility of mission trips for college students through FOCUS and Children of Hope and Faith.

There is an orphan crisis worldwide and 10 years ago it seemed to be a daunting and almost impossible task to



Evasius Richard

help with this problem. However, it became obvious that Our Lord was not asking us for great things; just start – sponsor one or two. We began with three children who are all now in high school. This beginning has definitely shown us that “nothing is impossible with God.” Luke 1:37.

It is not an accident that our mission trip is taking place shortly after the beginning of the *Year of Faith* proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI. We need to continuously step out in faith to serve God and our neighbor. It will be a great joy to share our faith with the people in Tanzania and be enriched in return by their faith.

We look forward to sharing with our sponsors and supporters how you are making a huge difference in the lives of orphans and needy children in Tanzania! You can hopefully follow our trip on our Facebook Page.

Sincerely in Christ,

Jane Walsh

First Three Students to Graduate from College

Congratulations to three students who were sponsored at St. Alfred High School and were able to pursue a 2-year college degree! We are particularly grateful to their sponsors who continued their support and gave them this wonderful opportunity.

We are very proud of Evasius Richard and Trinita Laurent who graduated from St. Francis Teachers College. They will be assigned teaching positions at local grade schools. John Nuru Tuombe exhibited much initiative while attending St. Alfred High School. He took a number of nursing courses and was able to graduate from Sengerema School of Nursing after one year. He is now employed at Biharamulo Hospital.



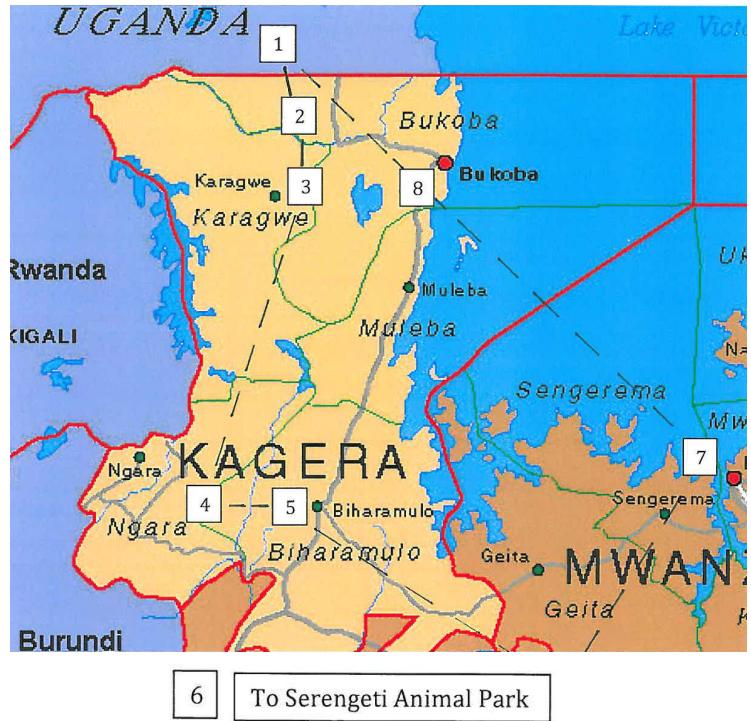
Trinita Laurent

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Making Tracks Through Tanzania, Africa
Itinerary for Mission Trip November 10th to November 28th, 2012

1. Arrive in Kampala, the capitol of Uganda, and travel to the border of Tanzania
2. Meet with Bishop of Kayunga Diocese, Bishop Almachius Rweyongeza; St. Peter Claver Grade School
3. Visit site of proposed new orphanage for Kayunga Diocese at Kandegesho; Rwambaizi Hospital; Kaisho High School at Karagwe; Nyakatuntu (Fr. John's family); Mabira (Fr. John's home parish)
4. Travel to the Rulenge-Ngara Diocese to meet with Bishop Severine Niwemugizi; Visit Angel Home Orphanage and St. Alfred High School
5. Travel to Biharamulo to visit St. Severine Grade School; Biharamulo Hospital; Katoke Junior Seminary
6. Travel to Serengeti Animal Park
7. Travel to Mwanza and visit St. Augustine University
8. Travel to Bukoba and visit Ntungamo Seminary; St. Francis Teachers College; Hekima Girls High School



Travel back to Uganda for flight home

Special Thanks For Your Support

Dominican Sisters: Awarded COHF a \$10,000 grant through the Poverty, Justice and Peace Fund. We are most grateful for the funding for 25 solar panels for the Solar Energy Project at St. Alfred High School.

St. Matthew Church: We very much appreciate the Stewardship Program for providing a donation of \$7,000 that will complete the solar energy project for St. Alfred High School and provide scholarships for children who do not have a sponsor.

The High School of St. Thomas More Annual Garage Sale: Many thanks to all the volunteers who make this event such a great success! Over \$6,200 was raised which enabled us to begin the cow project to provide milk for the students at St. Peter Claver Grade School. A Kiosk was also funded to provide supplies for the students and a source of income for St. Peter Claver School.

Holy Cross Church: We are grateful to the volunteers who sell cakes at the Lenten Fish Fries and for proceeds from Family Fun Day. The donation of \$1,100 enabled COHF to purchase 3 computers for Kibosho, Ntungamo, and Segerea Seminaries where we have sponsored seminarians. The seminarians will be thankful to have more access to the use of computers!

Service and Justice Outreach at St. John's Catholic Newman Center, University of Illinois: Awarded Children of Hope and Faith a grant for \$1,000 to provide medical treatment for over 50 children at Angel Home Orphanage. The Franciscan Sisters of St. Bernadette very much appreciate their kind assistance. We are also grateful that the college students sponsor a high school student through COHF.

St. Matthew School F.A.S.T.: We very much appreciate Sr. Mary George, Mr. Bill Geerdes and the students for a wonderful Festival of Art, Service, and Talent event! The 8th grade wrote the script for the production *Saints 101* and the 6th-8th graders performed songs and various skits on the lives of saints. The proceeds of \$975 provided funding for the Preschool/Kindergarten program at Angel Home Orphanage.

Catholic Daughters of the America's 0995: The scholarship of \$500 provided for a high school student is very much appreciated.

In Memory of Mr. Anacleth Zilimu -

Sowing Seeds of Hope

The father of Fr. Johndamaseni Zilimu died on February 24, 2012. Fr. John is the co-founder of Children of Hope and Faith. As we reflected on the stories Fr. John had told about his father, we realized that God used Anacleth Zilimu to sow seeds for



Mr. Anacleth Zilimu

Children of Hope and Faith. Mr. Zilimu was known as a faithful and generous man. He and his wife Christina had 12 children. Fr. John's mother died when Fr. John was 17 years old. There were 7 younger brothers and sisters who were raised by Fr. John's father and his grandmother. John became a priest, two daughters are Franciscan Sisters of St. Bernadette and nine children married and have families. Three of the children died before their father.

When Fr. John was a newly ordained priest in Tanzania, he found two young children not in school and on the street. The children were clothed in rags and hungry. Fr. John asked his father to take the children into his home and raise them as his own. In turn, Fr. John promised to provide money for their education, which took a lot of faith since priests in Tanzania are not paid a salary. Two children became six children when Fr. John's Bishop sent him to the United States to study at the University of Illinois. At first Fr. John was very concerned about how he would keep his promise to provide the school tuition money. However, God always provides and the Taylor family in Mansfield, IL befriended him. The Trailblazer boy's club would do a yearly Ride for Hope bike ride to raise money for the children's tuition. All six children graduated from high school and have a hopeful future. The generosity of Mr. Zilimu and Fr. John's concern for the welfare of children helped to lead to the founding of Children of Hope and Faith. Part of his great legacy is in so many other children in Tanzania now being helped to receive an education and have a future full of hope!

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Yes! I want to support the Mission Trip to Tanzania November 10th—28th in the amount of \$_____.

Please choose an orphan or needy child for me to sponsor

_____ Catholic elementary school
\$55 per month; \$650/yr.

_____ Catholic high school
\$46 per month; \$550/yr.

_____ I will **Give Hope** with a gift for scholarships and specific projects. \$_____

Please send me _____ **Christmas Gift Cards** at \$25 per card

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please make checks payable to **Children of Hope and Faith, Inc.** and mail with form to:

**903 Bluegrass Lane
Champaign, IL 61822**

Or use PayPal on our website:

www.childrenofhopeandfaith.org

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Christmas Gift Card Project

We will have the Christmas gift card project this year. In the past purchasing a special Christmas card for \$25 helped with many projects including providing pigs and goats for meat in the students' diet at St. Peter Claver grade school, beds and mattresses for Angel Home Orphanage, scholarships for tuition and funding toward the Solar Energy project at St. Alfred high school.



Mr. Rutayuga, principal of St. Peter Claver School, has requested funding for a dairy project to provide the children a reliable and cost-effective source of milk. It will also be an income-generating project for the school.

If you would like to purchase Christmas Gift Cards this year, please mail the form included in the newsletter or send e-mail with your request to:

childrenofhopeandfaith@gmail.com

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Arts & Crafts BAZAAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2012

9:00 am – 7:00pm

HOLY CROSS PARISH CENTER

405 W Clark St, Champaign, IL

FREE ADMISSION

LOCAL ARTISTS showcasing

SEWN CREATIONS,

ART, JEWELRY, & OTHER

HANDMADE TREASURES

HOT DOGS - ICE CREAM- BAKED GOODS

KIDS CRAFT ACTIVITIES -FACE PAINTING

Event contact: Tracy Duchinsky @ 217-648-4168

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