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Welcome to the 5th 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,

We truly appreciate all that God provides through the support of our sponsors, donors and volunteers! This year was marked by 19 of our sponsored students graduating and achieving various levels of academic success. We are grateful for our partnership with the principals, teachers and staff at these excellent Catholic schools.

St. Peter Claver Primary School celebrated their 10th Anniversary this year! It is amazing what the school has accomplished in a relatively short time. In this issue we will highlight some ways in which



Grade VII Graduands at St. Peter Claver Grade School

COHF has helped St. Peter Claver School to excel.

As always we thank our faithful sponsors who make this work possible. We are facing increases in tuition costs at most of the schools where students are sponsored. Our scholarship fund is now ex-



Providing food for God's Little Ones

tremely important to provide partial and full funding for students' tuition. If you are unable to sponsor a student, please consider contributing toward tuition assistance.

In this issue we also highlight our support of Angel Home Orphanage that has developed into a beautiful home for over 50 children. We are most grateful for the ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of St. Bernadette who operate the orphanage.

Our website is in the process of being re-designed and updated! Please check out our new look in early 2014!

We look forward to the New Year to see what God has planned for Children of Hope and Faith! Please keep us in your prayers!! Wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a New Year full of Peace and Joy!

St. Josephine Bakhita, Pray for Us!

Sincerely In Christ,

Jane Walsh



Dorice Tibesigwa on Graduation Day

Providing Daily Care for Children at Angel Home Orphanage

Angel Home Orphanage has flourished with the help of Children of Hope and Faith and the loving guidance and hard work of the Franciscan Sisters of St. Bernadette. The orphanage was expanded to enable young children to



Franciscan Sister cooking for children at Angel Home. The stove is heated with firewood.

remain and be sponsored in grade schools. Angel Home is the home they return to when school is not in session. We must continue the good work that was begun by providing the children food, clothing, and medical care, firewood for cooking and funding for the pre-school/kindergarten program. **Thank you to the students in Service & Justice Outreach at the University of Illinois for awarding a \$425 grant to help provide children food at Angel Home.**

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Ten Years of Excellent Catholic Education at St. Peter Claver School

St. Peter Claver School started in 2003 with the leadership of the current principal, Mr. Gratian Rutayuga. Our first three students were sponsored at St. Peter Claver School in 2004 and they currently attend excellent high schools. St. Peter Claver School consistently ranks very high academically as an English Medium Primary School.



Kiosk provides teachers, staff and local people staples while generating income for the school

Children of Hope and Faith has supported projects at St. Peter Claver School to benefit all of the students and also to generate income. Our first project, the corn husking and grinding mill, is so successful that they were able to start another mill in Omurusimbi village. This will help the villagers obtain cornmeal and provide additional income for the school. Through the years we have supported animal projects to provide the students a reliable and cost-effective source of meat and



Woman from a nearby village brings corn to the mill.

milk. A Kiosk was funded to provide staples for the teachers and staff who live at the school. It is also available for the local people, which help the school with income. COHF funded shelving for the library, donated books and provided funding for the purchase of much needed textbooks. Electricity can be very unreliable in Tanzania! The principal requested that COHF fund a generator as a source of electricity during power outages. **We thank Holy Cross Church and The High School of St. Thomas More who sponsor children at St. Peter Claver School for contributing toward this project.**



Boys in the classroom at Angel



Friesian dairy cows provide the children milk.

Sponsorship of Students in Catholic Schools

It has been an exciting privilege to see the great benefits of sponsorship of young people at Catholic schools in Tanzania that gives them hope for a much brighter future. Only 1% of orphans attend school in Tanzania. This year we had 78 students receive an education through COHF at various levels. Nineteen students graduated from St. Peter Claver Grade School, Catholic High Schools, Biharamulo Nursing School and St. Francis Teachers' College. Some of the students are able to continue after high school depending on their academic exams, career goals and the ability of COHF to continue to assist them. However, graduation from high school is a great accomplishment since only 8% of young people are able to attend high school in Tanzania! There are currently three students in Major Seminary and four students in Junior Seminary. Please consider helping to change the life of a child through assisting with their education.



Friday Laurent at St. Peter Claver School needs a half-sponsorship

Thank You to Our Tremendous Volunteers!

This time of year, in particular, we make a point of expressing our gratitude for the gifts and blessings we have received. So, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank our fabulous volunteers. COHF holds two major fundraisers and assorted programs each year and we would not be able to do so without the generosity of many volunteers. Our volunteers are special to us, and it is always a joy to work with you! Please accept our heartfelt thanks! We are most grateful that you are willing to share your time, talent and treasure to help our brothers and sisters in Christ. Living the faith: 'Love of God and Love of Neighbor' are hallmarks of our community of which we are both humbled and privileged to be a part. May God bless you!



Two student volunteers for GarageSale at The High School of St. Thomas More



Our fabulous crafters for Arts & Craft Bazaar at Holy Cross Church

A Huge Thank You to the Gottemoller Family

Thank you for participating in the Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure (GOBA) last June! Because of their initiative, we were able to fund \$7,000 to begin the project to build the St. George Cathedral Classrooms!! Thank you for using your time and talent to help the children in Tanzania receive a Catholic education!



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Yes! I want to help orphans and needy children receive a Catholic education!

Please choose an orphan or needy child for me to sponsor:

_____ \$55 per month; \$650/yr.

_____ Half-sponsorship; 325/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.
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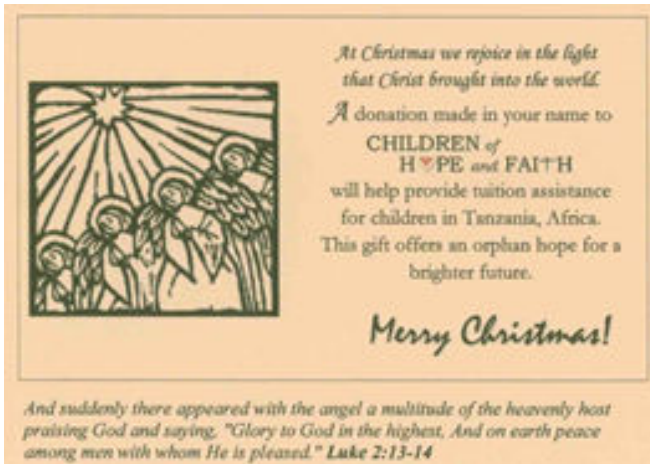
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www.childrenofhopeandfaith.org

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Christmas Gift Card Project

The Christmas Gift Card this year will help provide tuition at Catholic schools for orphans and needy children in Tanzania! Many people enjoy receiving a gift that keeps on giving long after the holidays are over. A donation of \$25 is requested for each card. In order to purchase Christmas Gift Cards, mail the form included in the newsletter or e-mail your request to childrenofhopeandfaith@gmail.com.



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Please remember Children of Hope and Faith for your Year-End Giving! For your convenience you can donate

On-line at www.childrenofhopeandfaith.org through

PayPal available under "How You Can Help"!

Holy Hour – First Wednesday of the Month

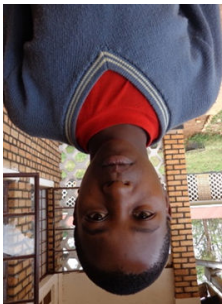
The Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy are prayed for the intentions of Children of Hope and Faith and the intentions of our supporters.

If you would like to include your intentions, please send prayer requests to childrenofhopeandfaith@gmail.com

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Sylvanus at St. Joseph High-School needs a sponsor.



Children singing a song at Angel Home Orphanage.



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