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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 are most grateful to all of you who make the mission of COHF possible. During our trip last



Arrival of our COHF group in Uganda, Africa (from left) Sr. Jane Rose (host), Cindy Flottmann, Tony Bedient, Fr. Johndamaseni Zilimu, Jane Walsh, Sarah & Mitch Minarick

November we were able to witness all the good that your support provides the children in Tanzania, Africa!

We continue to thank Fr. John and Fr. Ben for being such excellent hosts. Tanzanians are very hospitable and friendly people. We appreciated all the hard work to provide our group delicious meals and comfortable lodging.

It was inspiring to meet with the Bishops, priests, sisters and principals who work with us. They are accomplishing a lot to help young people with their available resources and the additional help

they receive through COHF and other organizations.

We were able to meet with most of the sponsored children at Angel Home Orphanage and the various Catholic grade schools and high schools. The younger children were all smiles and so excited and happy to be sponsored in school. The older students were grateful and appreciated being given the chance to receive an excellent education.

It was wonderful to see the successful completion and growth of various projects funded by COHF! Our trip also enabled us to experience first hand the need for adequate water supplies and reliable sources of electricity. In this newsletter we will highlight some of the requests to supply more water and electricity for the students.

As always, we are in need of more sponsors. Everywhere we went there was a request to help one or two more children. The need to help young people receive a Catholic education is great.

Please keep COHF in your prayers. You are truly making a huge difference in the lives of orphans and needy children!

St. Josephine Bakhita, Pray for Us!



Little girl giving us flowers at St. George Cathedral Kindergarten program from the Bishop's garden!

St. George Cathedral Kindergarten Project

While visiting Tanzania, we had a thoroughly delightful visit with Bishop Almachius Rweyongeza. He is Bishop of the Kayanga Diocese instituted by Pope Benedict XVI in 2008. Bishop Almachius has a great love for young people. He started a kindergarten program at the Cathedral to help young children learn about God and prepare them for grade school. The teacher is a Theresian sister and there are now over 100 students in the program. The main problem is that there are no classrooms! The students are taught in small rooms in the convent or outside on the ground. The Bishop has requested COHF to provide funds to build two classrooms and an office to accommodate the students and a teacher. They are in need of classrooms for over 100 students.



Bishop Almachius and teacher are with the children at St. George Cathedral Kindergarten

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Our Trip To Tanzania and Why We Are Sponsors

Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." This quote became more meaningful to me after I met a young man named Innocent Emmanuel during our November trip to Tanzania.



Tony, Sarah and Mitch at Angel Home Orphanage with two sponsored children, Innocent Emmanuel and Mektilda Sostenes

Innocent is now 14 years old and his mother died in childbirth and his father also died. His parents were not Christians and Innocent grew up at Angel Home Orphanage. With God's grace and because of the mentorship he received there, he made the decision to not only change his name and convert to Christianity, but to enter Junior Seminary to become a Catholic priest. He left quite an impression on me. As I left, I wondered where he might be without the love and guidance he received at the orphanage. I pondered how many lives he had the potential to change and I realized that an investment in the children of Tanzania, no matter how small, really does pay off. For that reason, we decided to sponsor another young man, Francisco. We pray for him continually and hope that our financial contribution may help to open doors for him, give him hope, and most importantly, help him to grow in love with Jesus. So not only is it true that you make your own life by what give, you literally have the ability to make someone else's, too.

St. Joseph Vocational High School

We had a wonderful visit with Bishop Severine Niwemugizi of the Rulenge-Ngara Diocese. He said that his diocese needs help with three things 1) education, 2) education and yes, 3) education!! He told us about St. Joseph Vocational High School which is a new initiative to provide students with vocational training along with the standard academic curriculum. It is also a boarding school and teaches in English. The areas for vocational training include masonry, mechanics, carpentry, tailoring and computer studies. We are very excited about the opportunity for sponsored students to learn a trade that will make them more marketable upon graduation. We now have 5 students sponsored at St. Joseph's.



Students who attend St. Joseph Vocational high school through COHF Sylvannus (far left) needs a sponsor.

The cost of renovation of two water tanks for the school is \$4,636.00.

The principal, Fr. Jeremiah Kizza, has requested help with the renovation of two water tanks. The tanks are very old and are leaking. The supply of water is totally inadequate for good hygiene and the health of the students, teachers and staff.

Cycling for the Children Great Ohio Bike Adventure

The Gottemoller family traveled to Tanzania with Fr. Johndamaseni Zilimi in June 2008. They came back from their visit with huge hearts for orphans and needy children. Paula and Paul participated in the Great Ohio Bike Adventure (GOBA) in 2009 and raised money toward the expansion of Angel Home Orphanage. Their desire to help the children in Africa led them to adopt three siblings from Ethiopia in 2010. Mark and Katherine are now 9 yrs. old and Maria is 6 yrs. old. They are thriving and are willing to now help the children in Tanzania by participating with their parents in the GOBA June 16th – June 21st! This is no small feat as the GOBA entails biking 250 miles across Ohio (60 miles/day). The family is asking for sponsors to help raise funds for the St. George Cathedral Kindergarten classrooms!! They also want to evangelize about the needs of orphans in countries such as Tanzania as they journey across Ohio on their bikes. You may sponsor them by mailing a check with the form in this newsletter or donate through PayPal on our website: www.childrenofhopeandfaith.org (Click on "How to Help").



Paul, Paula, Mark, Katherine and Maria preparing for GOBA to raise funds for the St. George kindergarten classrooms.

Sacred Heart Girls' Hostel Solar Energy and Water Projects

One of our hosts in Tanzania was Fr. Benezeth Rwegoshora and he is the pastor of Sacred Heart Church in the Kayanga Diocese. Young people in Tanzania are being more encouraged to continue their studies and attend high school. Our sponsored students attend excellent Catholic high schools that provide housing and teach in English. However, Fr. Ben was extremely concerned about the welfare of girls who attend a nearby high school that does not provide housing. The students

travel far from home and live in very poor and unsafe conditions. Sacred Heart parish operates a Girls' Hostel to provide the girls a safe home. Far from being fancy, it is a dormitory with bunk beds and



Fr. Pantaleo inside Sacred Heart Girls' Hostel holding a kerosene lamp

each girl has a small trunk for her belongings. There was no electricity for lights and they were using a kerosene lamp after dark to use the outside restrooms and to study. There is also an inadequate supply of water. As Fr. Ben said, "Girls need a lot of water!"

Fr. Ben asked COHF to help provide the Girls' Hostel with adequate water and solar energy to generate electricity. Upon our return, we were able to fund the Solar Energy Project and provide the needed solar batteries and the corresponding number of solar panels (\$2,800). The girls now have lighting that increases their security

and enables them to study at night. We are still in need of funding to provide the girls with an adequate water supply. Fr. Ben has requested the construction of a 100,000 Liters water-harvesting tank that has a cost of \$7,432.00.



Fr. Ben and workers installing solar panels for lighting at Sacred Heart Girls' Hostel

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Please choose an orphan or needy child for me to sponsor

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

_____ Catholic high school
\$50 per month; \$600/yr.

_____ I will help sponsor the Gottemoller Family GOBA to raise funds for the St. George Kindergarten classrooms.

_____ I will **Give Hope** with a gift for projects that help provide adequate water for students.

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Name: _____

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www.childrenofhopeandfaith.org

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Angel Home Orphanage Thriving!

The children are thriving at Angel Home!!! It was such a pleasure to visit with the children and the Franciscan Sisters of St. Bernadette who lovingly care for them. Sr. Mariana Cle-

ed in the community. The Franciscan Sisters of St. Bernadette appreciate our continued support to provide daily care for the children at Angel Home.

A huge thank you to St. Matthew School for the Festival of Arts, Service, and Talent that was held in April. The money that was raised will be used to fund the kindergarten program.



Sr. Mektilda and some children in the preschool/kindergarten at Angel Home

mence is in charge of the orphanage and Sr. Mektilda is the preschool/kindergarten teacher. There are now 40 children in the kindergarten class that includes children from the neighborhood. This helps the orphans to become more integrat-



Gift for Angel Home picture of St. Francis by Abbie Mondala, St. Matthew School, Champaign, IL

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9th Annual COHF Garage Sale

Save the date (and your "stuff"!) for the next COHF Garage Sale at The High School of St. Thomas More,

Friday, July 19 & Saturday, July 20, 2013.

Items for the sale will be collected July 15th through July 18th.

Contact Tracy Duchinsky at 217-721-2524 or tded@sbcglobal.net or

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to find out how you can get involved.

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