

CHILDREN OF HOPE AND FAITHSM



FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Early in our mission to help orphans receive a Catholic education, we realized that children need more preparation in pre-school/kindergarten programs to be successful in school. In recognition of that concern, COHF built a kindergarten classroom at Angel Home Orphanage. That program benefits the children who live at Angel Home Orphanage and in the local community. There is now an emphasis in Tanzania for two-year kindergarten programs to prepare children for primary school. In this issue we highlight the initiative by Bishop Almachius Rweyongeza to provide a kindergarten program for children in the Kayanga Diocese. The need for kindergarten classrooms at St. Peter Claver Primary School, one of the main schools where children are sponsored, is also featured.

We continue to be most grateful to our sponsors who provide tuition for their student(s) to attend school. So many children need sponsors—we highlight a few of them, as well as three young men sponsored in the Seminary who continue to discern a call to the Priesthood, in this issue.

Thank you for all you do to provide orphans an education and hope to communities in the Rulenge-Ngara and Kayanga Dioceses in Tanzania. We keep the intentions of our sponsors, donors and volunteers in prayer at our monthly Holy Hour. St. Josephine Bakhita, pray for us! ■

Sincerely in Christ,
Jane Walsh

ARTS AND CRAFTS BAZAAR 2014

All proceeds benefit orphans and needy children in Tanzania! October 25th, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and October 26th, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Holy Cross Parish Center, Champaign, IL. **FREE ADMISSION.** Handcrafted treasures, homemade baked goods, concessions and kids craft activities!

If you are interested in volunteering or contributing baked goods or crafts, please contact Tracy Duchinsky 217-721-2524 or tded@sbcglobal.net prior to October 24th. ■

\$9,000! GARAGE SALES HUGE SUCCESS!

The garage sale at The High School of St. Thomas More and the "second chance" sale were a great success again this year! Many thanks to those who donated items and the faithful volunteers who worked at the sales. We appreciate the students at The High School of St. Thomas More who volunteered 198 service hours to help at the event!

Special thanks to Bob and Karen Batchellor for hosting the "second chance" sale at their home for the third consecutive year! We always say that we have the "best volunteers ever" and are most grateful for your gifts of time and talent. Proceeds from the two sales were over \$9,000, which is used to provide scholarships and funding for projects. ■

KINDERGARTEN: FIRM FOUNDATION



Bishop Almachius teaching children about gardening.



A mural in the current "classroom."

ST. GEORGE CATHEDRAL KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

The Kayanga Diocese located in the northwest corner of Tanzania is a relatively new Diocese formed by Pope Benedict XVI in 2008. Bishop Almachius Rweyongeza requested help from COHF to fund a kindergarten program for the children of his Diocese. The Bishop started St. George Cathedral Kindergarten in 2010 to provide children a Catholic education and to prepare them for primary school. Kindergarten is a 2-year program in Tanzania for children 5 and 6 years old. They start first grade at 7 years old. In the Bishop's program, children receive First Communion after their second year of preparation.

There are now over 100 children in the kindergarten taught by the Theresian sisters. Unfortunately, there are no classrooms! Children sit outside on the ground or are cramped in a very small room in the convent.

Bishop Almachius has a great love for children and is an avid gardener. He shares his love of flowers and planting of trees with the children. Since there are no classrooms, volunteers took the initiative to paint a beautiful mural on the side of a Diocesan building to help teach the children about God's beautiful creation.

Most classrooms in Tanzania have dirt floors, no windows, very basic wooden desks and an inadequate number of textbooks and instructional materials. The plans for the St. George Cathedral school building are impressive and will include two kindergarten classrooms, storage space for supplies and an office for the teachers. The children will have indoor plumbing, safe drinking water, restrooms with toilets and electricity.

Children of Hope and Faith

The vision of Bishop Almachius is to provide a school that will show both children and parents what is possible to have for an excellent education. When these children grow up and become leaders, they will know high standards for their schools, which will further help with the nation's development process.

COHF has donated \$8,000 to date for educational materials and preparation of the land to begin construction. The remaining cost of the project is \$135,819 and other donors have also contributed. Bishop Almachius is requesting \$70,000 from COHF to complete the project.

ST. PETER CLAVER PRIMARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS

St. Peter Claver Primary School is one of our main schools where children are sponsored. It was started in 2003 and is also located in the relatively new Kayanga Diocese. The students receive an excellent Catholic education and the school consistently ranks high academically at the national level. Our sponsored students who graduate from St. Peter Claver School are admitted to excellent Catholic secondary schools. The education policy for Tanzania now stipulates that "every primary school should have two years training of pre-primary pupils starting at the age of 5." Learning English at an earlier age will help the children to do well academically.

Mr. Gratian Rutayuga, the principal of St. Peter Claver School, submitted a proposal to COHF to fund the building of two kindergarten classrooms for Year I and Year II. The building also contains a staff room, mini-storage for instructional materials and two pit latrines (one for girls and one for boys). The request for funding of the project is \$47,946. ■

SPONSOR US!



Livinus Alistides

Freshman

Adolph Kolping Secondary School



Justin Beda

2nd grade

St. Severine Primary School



Thomas Mwijage

6th grade

St. Severine Primary School



Vaileth Theodory

Freshman

St. Joseph Vocational Secondary School



Congratulations to Dunstan Milembe, who graduated from St. Severine Primary School and received his Confirmation on the same day. Dunstan had the highest grade on the National Exam from St. Severine and the second highest in the Diocese. We are very proud of him! ■

SEMINARIAN SUPPORT!

COHF currently sponsors three young men in the Seminary. This year all three will be attending Segerea Senior Seminary in Dar-es-Salaam for their Theology studies.

Arsenius Gotifried is a seminarian for the Kayanga Diocese and recently completed his 5th year of formation. Arsenius was sponsored through COHF at St. Alfred Secondary School and during his years in the Seminary. Stephen Ruhagaze and Eligius Zilimu are seminarians for the Rulenge-Ngara and Kayanga Dioceses, respectively. Stephen and Eligius both recently completed their third year of seminary and graduated from their studies of Philosophy. We are very proud of these young men who continue to discern a vocation to the Priesthood. Sponsorship of \$400/yr. provides a seminarian with funding for personal needs including toiletries, transportation, and non-tuition school expenses. Please keep these young men and all of our sponsored students in your prayers!

Eligius Zilimu is in need of a half-sponsorship. ■

Give us a call: (217) 352-6673

I WILL GIVE HOPE...

- Catholic elementary school, \$60 per month
- Catholic secondary school, \$60 per month
- I am interested in sharing a half-sponsorship of a child
- St. George Cathedral Kindergarten Project
- Christmas Gift Card Project, \$25
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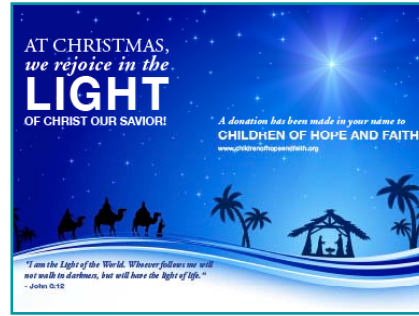
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CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD PROJECT

The Christmas Gift Card this year will help provide funding for the St. George Cathedral Kindergarten building initiative. Many

people enjoy receiving a gift that benefits others long after the holidays are over. A donation of \$25 is requested for each card. To purchase Christmas Gift Cards, mail the form included in this newsletter or e-mail your request to childrenofhopeandfaith@gmail.com. ■

NEWSLETTER

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