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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

As we continue to celebrate the Easter season and the beautiful new life of spring, we are very grateful for all the support of our sponsors, donors, and volunteers!

In addition to sponsorship of students, the funding of projects is very important to the mission of COHF. Projects benefit both our sponsored students and the larger community.

In this issue we will highlight some of the initiatives from our supporters, which are a great help to the children we serve in Tanzania. The projects included enhancing the science curriculum at St. Peter Claver School, providing shoes and clothing to the children at Angel Home, and sowing seeds during a COHF Lenten event at their Church.

We are also very excited to announce that one of our donors has initiated a Matching Gift challenge for the funding of projects. Your donation will be doubled because of the generosity of one of our sponsors. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to fund projects at schools where our sponsored students attend and to continue the construction of the St. George kindergarten classrooms. St. Josephine Bakhita, pray for us! ■

Sincerely in Christ,
Jane Walsh

SAVE THE DATES

11th Annual COHF Garage Sale

The High School of St. Thomas More, Champaign, IL
Friday, July 17th, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
(Early Bird Sale, \$2 admission)
Saturday, July 18th, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
(closed at noon; reopen at 1:00 for Bag Sale)

Items for sale will be collected July 13th through July 16th at rear entrance of the school. We need volunteers both prior to and during the sale, and we also need cookie/brownie bakers!

Arts & Crafts Bazaar 2015

Holy Cross Parish Center, Champaign, IL
Saturday, October 24th, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 25th, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Many thanks to the volunteers, donors, and crafters who make these events such a great success! Special thanks also to The High School of St. Thomas More and Holy Cross Church for their support of our annual fundraising events.

For more information about any of these events, or to volunteer, please contact Tracy Duchinsky at (217) 721-2524 or tded@sbcglobal.net ■

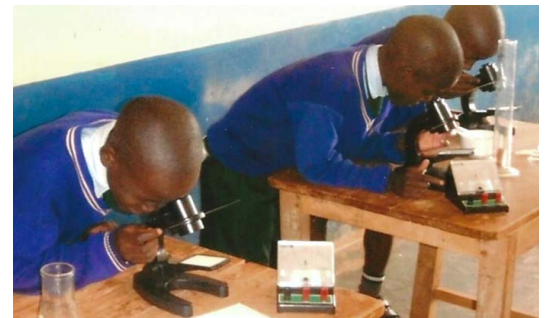
ENHANCEMENT OF SCIENCE CURRICULUM AT ST. PETER CLAVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mr. Ndaisaba Wenceslaus, Vice-Principal of St. Peter Claver School, had requested help with their science curriculum, particularly with providing practical science experiments. We are very grateful to one of our supporters for the donation of 10 microscopes with slides of plant, animal and human cells along with excellent teaching materials. We were also able to provide three science experiment books for biology, chemistry and physics, which are age appropriate and use basic materials.

“Much greetings from St. Peter Claver!

On behalf of the teachers in Science Department, pupils and the entire community of St. Peter Claver English Medium Boarding School, I would like to extend to you our heartfelt gratitude for the ten microscopes and three science books offered to our school through Rev. Fr. Johndamaseni Zilimu. This shows how much you care for our school and the future generation!

It is my hope that these teaching and learning aids will help both teachers and learners to increase their scientific skills and knowledge. These tools are really relevant as far as our syllabus and curriculum is concerned.” ■



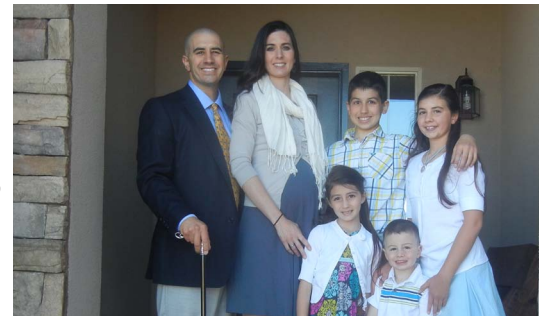
5th grade students using the microscopes

SPONSORS HOST LENTEN EVENT IN NEW MEXICO

“God is working, despite our best efforts.—Michael Murphy”

A Letter from Kate Padilla:

God seems to be working in our lives by placing so many good people and amazing opportunities in our paths to help us grow closer to Him... and we (my husband Henry and I) feel called to share that belief with others.



We sponsor a student, Dunstan, through COHF, and it has been such a treasure to “watch” him grow and mature through his pictures and letters over the course of several years!

This past spring, God knocked on our door again and asked us to host an event to spread the joy of COHF with those in our new parish in New Mexico.

Our family hosted a rosary/potluck/information sharing night after a Saturday evening Mass during Lent. Henry and I presented, passed out brochures, and spoke about our experiences with COHF and, in particular, with Dunstan. We then said a rosary for the intentions of COHF. Families enjoyed dinner and conversation while kids ran around and played. The Holy Spirit planted seeds that evening and it is clear that His hand is at work, bringing the Good News of COHF to the state of New Mexico. We might not always respond as quickly or as willingly as we ought, but God is working, despite our best efforts. ■

SUPPORT FOR OUR PROGRAMS



St. Matthew's Students

F.A.S.T. Event to Benefit Angel Home Kindergarten Program

Our last newsletter highlighted the importance of pre-school/kindergarten programs to prepare students to be sponsored in primary school. Many thanks to the students and teachers at St. Matthew School for their hard work for the 5th Annual Festival of Arts, Service and Talent program! The event benefits the kindergarten program at Angel Home Orphanage. The theme for this year's production was putting God and others first and being "good and faithful servants." Beautiful student artwork was also available for purchase. ■

Construction has begun on St. George Cathedral Kindergarten Classrooms

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped provide funding to begin construction of the St. George Cathedral classrooms requested by Bishop Almachius Rweyongeza. He is most appreciative of our efforts on behalf of the young children in his Diocese.

We greatly appreciate the donations from St. Matthew Church Stewardship program and St. Matthew School in Champaign, IL toward this project.

Please support the matching gift challenge to raise funds to continue construction of the classrooms. ■



Children at Angel Home with the new pairs of shoes!!

Shoes for Children at Angel Home Orphanage

It all started with one of our high school students from Angel Home writing to his sponsor that his shoes were too tight and his clothes too small; would they help him? At the same time, we noticed that the shoes of another sponsored student who is an orphan looked very worn. It was enough to spark the interest of one of our Board members to take action and the sponsor also helped their student. We now have a shoe and clothing fund for the children at Angel Home. The Franciscan Sisters of St. Bernadette were pleasantly surprised with a special donation to purchase shoes for the children. Shoes wear out very quickly in Tanzania because the children usually walk to their destinations using dirt roads. ■

Dominican Sisters Award Grant for Angel Home Orphanage

We very much appreciate receiving a grant from the Poverty, Justice and Peace Fund. This will help provide daily care for the children living at Angel Home. The grant also assists with scholarships for children from Angel Home to attend primary school. ■



St. John Paul II parishoners

Clothing for Children at Angel Home Orphanage and St. Peter Claver School

Some of the women from St. John Paul II parish in Kewanee, IL, where Fr. Johndamaseni Zilimu is pastor, noticed a picture of some of our sponsored girls at St. Peter Claver School wearing hand made donated dresses. This inspired a group of ladies to sew dresses and shorts for children at Angel Home and the students at St. Peter Claver School. The children at St. Peter Claver also received the friendship bracelets hand crafted by girls from St. Matthew School. The children were thrilled to receive these presents at an Assembly during Fr. John's visit!! ■

Visitation School has "Dress Like Father Day" to celebrate Fr. John's 50th Birthday

Many thanks to the families at Visitation School in Kewanee, IL for the "Dress like Father" initiative which raised more awareness about the mission of COHF! Donations toward Fr. John's birthday gift were used to provide tuition for their school's sponsored child and a full scholarship. Four additional students are now sponsored as a result of this event. ■

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
- Yes! I want to participate in the matching gift challenge!
- I will **GIVE HOPE** with a gift for scholarships and specific projects (please specify amount) \$ _____
- _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Please make checks payable and return this form to:

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MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE

Please make a donation and support the matching gift challenge! Your gift will be worth twice as much to fund projects at schools where children are sponsored and the St. George Cathedral Kindergarten project. You may mail a check with the donation form or donate on our website at: www.childrenofhopeandfaith.org ■

MEMORIAL GIFT

A Memorial donation was made in remembrance of Terri Ruedi. ■

COHF FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2014

