

CHILDREN OF HOPE AND FAITHSM



SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE EDUCATION FOR ORPHANS. HOPE FOR COMMUNITIES.



FROM THE PRESIDENT...

In Tanzania, students graduate from primary and secondary schools in the fall (above, Graduation at St. Peter Claver School). We are starting our 14th year in January and are seeing fruits of our mission with the graduation of students from grade school, high school and post high school education. In this issue, we highlight the graduation of some of our sponsored students from all academic levels. We are very proud of their accomplishments and share in their joy. We deeply appreciate their sponsors who have given them this wonderful opportunity!

We are also grateful for the support to establish the kindergarten program at St. Peter Claver School. A generous benefactor and matching employer gifts have allowed for the Kindergarten classroom building to be realized. Since St. Peter Claver School is a boarding school, the challenge now is to provide funding for the dormitories so the children have a place to live and can start school in January.

We are most grateful to our generous sponsors, donors and volunteers who make our work possible. May God always bless you for your generosity to help children most in need.

St. Josephine Bakhita, pray for us! ■

Sincerely in Christ,
Jane Walsh

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. ARSENIUS GOTIFRID

Arsenius was our first sponsored student to be ordained to the priesthood! He was sponsored at St. Alfred Secondary School and entered Kibosho Major Seminary upon graduation from Form IV. He is currently Associate Pastor at St. John Paul II Parish in Nyakatuntu, Tanzania. ■



Fr. Arsenius Gotifrid with Bishop Almachius Rweyongeza of the Kayunga Diocese.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BR. JOHN BOSCO MWEMEZI



Br. John Bosco receiving a gift of medical equipment from one of his sponsors.

Br. John Bosco is with the St. Charles Lwanga congregation. He graduated from St. Charles Borromeo Junior Seminary (Form VI) and entered Sengerema Medical School. After 4 years of Medical School, he graduated as a Clinical Medical Officer. Br. John Bosco will be doing clinical work until he resumes his studies for his M.D. ■

IN THE BEGINNING AND NOW

SPONSORSHIP MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN



*Photo of the girls in 2003 in front of their home in Tanzania.
(L-R) Evodia, Agripina, Adeltha, and Afra.*

Fourteen years ago, the journey of Children of Hope and Faith began. Jane Walsh felt a strong call to help orphans and approached Fr. Johndamaseni Zilimu who was a priest from Tanzania studying at the University of Illinois and doing pastoral work at St. John Newman Center on campus. He also had a heart for helping children in need and had started assisting some poor children in Tanzania who were brought to his father's home. They both thought it was possible to work together and form a new charitable organization. Shortly before this, Fr. John's older brother died suddenly and left a wife and four small girls. The wife, Adela, was now a widow with no means of support except from family members. COHF started with the sponsorship of three children in first grade at St. Peter Claver School. One of the sponsored children was Adela's child, Adeltha. Eventually, Adela's other three girls were also sponsored at St. Joseph Vocational Secondary School. This fall, all four girls will have graduated from high school and are pursuing different paths of success. ■



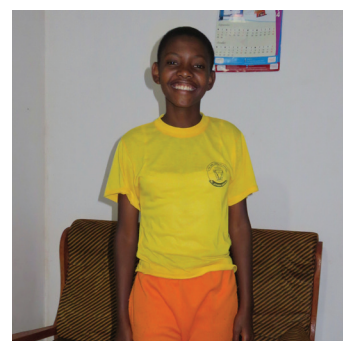
Adeltha Zilimu graduated from Form VI at Makambako Secondary School. She was accepted to Sengerema School of Medicine and will begin her studies in October.



After graduation from St. Joseph Vocational School, Agripina Zilimu is in Form V at Rukole Secondary School. After graduation from Form VI she will be able to attend St. Francis Teachers College.



Evodia Zilimu graduated from St. Joseph Vocational School. She currently attends Biharamulo Nursing School to be a Laboratory Technician at the hospital.



Afra Zilimu will graduate from St. Joseph Vocational School in November.



Desilatha Siima was among the first three children to be sponsored in first grade at St. Peter Claver School. She graduated from Form VI at Korogwe Girls Secondary School. Desilatha was accepted to Rubya Nursing School and will begin her studies in October.

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F.A.S.T. Event Benefitted Angel Home Orphanage Kindergarten Program

Many thanks to the 5th-8th grade students and their teachers at St. Matthew School for the 7th Annual Festival of Art, Service and Talent! Eighth grade students wrote a series of skits entitled "Witness" and used the theme of time travel to depict the lives of young saints from different countries and time periods. Students in 5th-8th grade sang to accompany the skits. Beautiful artwork created by the students was available for purchase.

The proceeds from F.A.S.T. fund the pre-school/kindergarten classes at Angel Home Orphanage. This program is vital to prepare children for sponsorship in grade schools that teach in English. A HUGE thank you to Sr. Mary George and Mr. Bill Geerdes for all their hard work and dedication. ■

PROJECTS AND UPDATES

Graduation of Children from Primary School

Primary school in Tanzania consists of two years of kindergarten and first through seventh grade. Children at St. Peter Claver and St. Severine Schools usually graduate from seventh grade in September. Baraka and Odetha (picture on right) are both orphans who recently graduated from St. Severine School. When not at school, Baraka lives at Angel Home Orphanage and Odetha lives with her elderly grandparents. There is an African saying that "Education is the key to life". For orphans like Baraka and Odetha the most determining factor for a promising future is an excellent education. ■

Graduation of Students from Secondary School

Secondary School in Tanzania contains two parts: Form I-IV (4 years of high school) and Form V-VI (6 years of high school). Students who graduate from high school with a Form IV degree may continue for technical and vocational training. Students who want to attend college must graduate with a Form VI degree. ■



Graduation of Odetha Kahumbya and Baraka Kadogo from St. Severine School



ST. PETER CLAVER KINDERGARTEN PROJECT

We began sponsorship of three children at St. Peter Claver School in 2004, a year after the school opened. Since then, we have helped St. Peter Claver School with numerous projects.

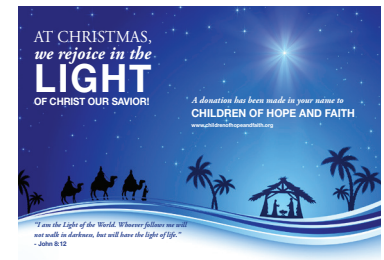
A two-year kindergarten program is now mandatory for all English-medium primary schools in Tanzania. St. Peter Claver School is located in a very rural, poor area. The school and parents of children at St. Peter Claver are not able to fundraise for the kindergarten classrooms.

Many thanks to generous benefactors who made the completion of the beautiful St. Peter Claver kindergarten building a reality! Their kind contribution was doubled through Exelon's employer matching gift program. We appreciate their initiative to take advantage of this great opportunity. We also are very grateful to The High School of St. Thomas More which helped us to "raise the roof" for the classrooms. Bishop Almachius Rweyongeza. Mr. Gratian Rutayuga, the principal of St. Peter Claver School, the school board members and parents are overjoyed at the completion of the classrooms and appreciate our substantial support.

Dormitories - Next Phase

St. Peter Claver School is a boarding school so the children live in dormitories while school is in session. Dormitories need to be built for the kindergarten students. Building projects are always a challenge to fund, particularly dormitories.

We need \$25,000 to finish the kindergarten project so the children can start school in January. Can you help us? ■



GIVE A CHRISTMAS GIFT WITH YEAR-LONG IMPACT

The Christmas Gift Card this year will help provide food, clothing and medicine for the children at Angel Home Orphanage. Many people enjoy receiving a gift that benefits others long after the Christmas season. 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

END OF YEAR GIVING AND EMPLOYER MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM

Please consider Children of Hope and Faith for your end of the year giving! Please inquire whether your employer has a matching gift program for charities.

Give us a call: (217) 352-6673

I WILL GIVE HOPE...

- Catholic school sponsorship, \$60 per month
 I am interested in sharing a half-sponsorship of a child
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 Yes! I want to help the St. Peter Claver classroom project
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IN GRATITUDE FOR VITAL SUPPORT

A special thank you to St. Matthew Church for the opportunity of a Mission Appeal. We are also most grateful to Holy Cross Parish for hosting the Arts & Crafts Bazaar and to the students at The High School of St. Thomas More for their support from service hours.

ARTS & CRAFTS BAZAAR 2017

Holy Cross Parish Center, Champaign, IL
Saturday, October 14, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 15, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**For more information about the Bazaar,
or to volunteer, please contact Tracy
Duchinsky at (217) 721-2524**

WORLD ORPHAN DAY Monday, November 13

Please consider helping an orphan through sponsorship, one-time gift for scholarship, or support of Angel Home Orphanage. Education is paramount for an orphan to have a bright future. ■

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