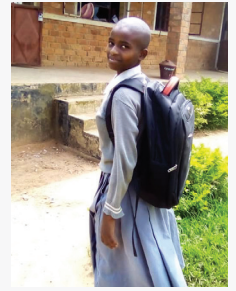


CHILDREN OF HOPE AND FAITHSM



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



FROM FR. JOHNDAMASENI A. ZILIMU, CO-FOUNDER...

I am honored to use this opportunity to express my heartfelt thank you to all sponsors, donors and volunteers of Children of Hope and Faith (COHF). I am writing to share with you my joy of celebrating the 25th anniversary of my ordination with my family, friends, and most of the sponsored children through COHF.

During my Jubilee year, that is, 2019-2020, I did some spiritual renewal activities such as a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and some retreats. I concluded my Jubilee year with a big celebration on January 8th, 2021 in Tanzania. I planned from the beginning that the main theme of my Jubilee celebrations would be the achievements I have been a part of, especially the achievements of COHF. My goal was to celebrate with all the sponsored children and all who were sponsored through COHF and are now working. I planned also to go to Tanzania with a group of COHF supporters from USA, but unfortunately things changed because of COVID-19 and nobody came with me to Tanzania.

The picture of the achievements of COHF was reflected on the day of my Jubilee celebrations. More than 150 sponsored children attended my celebrations. It was an emotional event for some people who saw how joyful the sponsored orphans and needy children were. People sent prayers to the sponsors, donors and supporters. One of our first sponsored children, Innocent Emmanuel, from the Angel Home is a seminarian. He is doing his

formation year now and he will start his philosophical studies in October of this year. I am pictured above with our children from Angel Home Orphanage. After about sixteen years of sponsorship through COHF, we have priests, nurses, clinical officers, teachers in grade schools and high schools. Thank you to all generous sponsors.

Some projects such as water tanks, solar power, classrooms, and dormitories in the schools where our sponsored children go, have been completed. But the constructions are needed of a water tank at St. Bonaventure Primary School and a house for the orphans who are at the age of going to college. Thank you to the very generous donors who contributed to the completed projects. The good environment in the schools you have helped to create is helping an outstanding academic success of our students and their schoolmates.

I am very thankful for our faithful and generous sponsors. Sponsorship is the backbone of our organization. There are many more children in need of sponsorship. Please consider sponsoring a child through Children of Hope and Faith. ■

Peace and Joy,
Fr. Johndamaseni Zilimu, Co-founder

SMALL WATER PROJECTS; BIG BENEFITS

ST. JOHN PAUL II PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thank you so much to one of our generous donors for giving an amazing wedding gift to their friend. They thought he and his bride would enjoy a gift through COHF because he dedicated his life to improving rice production for the poorest in the world. Their donation was used toward the construction of a large water tank for St. John Paul II Primary School. It is a new school in Nyakatuntu, the village where Fr. John grew up. ■



Pictured are students and teachers enjoying the life-giving gift of clean water.

THE PENDO FUND UPDATE

Thank you so much to all our generous donors, including students at The High School of St. Thomas More and those who gave to GivingTuesday, for your donations to The Pendo Fund. The fund was established after the tragic death of Pendo Blasio from tetanus to provide immunizations for our sponsored students for Hepatitis B. Pendo was sponsored by the students at The High School of St. Thomas More. Because of your generosity, most of our students have received the vaccine and we will be able to immunize our remaining students in June. ■

GIRLS' DORMITORY AND ST. FRANCIS HEALTH CENTER AT SACRED HEART PARISH IN RWAMBAIZI

The campus of Sacred Heart Parish in Rwambaizi includes St. Francis Health Center and a girls' dormitory. The dormitory provides safe housing for girls to attend the nearby Rwambaizi Secondary School. The girls were in desperate need of water and COHF funded the construction of a huge water tank. Sadly, the water tank was damaged in the earthquake of 2016 and became a useless leaky cistern. Due to the COVID pandemic we made an emergency contribution to repair the water tank so the girls and St. Francis Health Center would have more water for good hygiene during the threat of the virus. ■

ST. SEVERINE SCHOOL

Sr. Hyasinthia is the director of Hand of Hope which provides training for at risk youth. They are trained in tailoring, cake making, gardening skills, soap making, good morals and life skills. Due to the need for more water for the young people in this program, COHF provided funding for a small water tank. ■



Girls happy to have a place to live so they can begin their studies in high school.



Vivian, one of our new sponsored students, presents Fr. John with a gift at St. Joseph School. Fr. Jeremiah is on the right. Vivian was first in her class for Form 1 last year.

ST. JOSEPH GIRLS' DORMITORY UPDATE

A huge thank you to all our supporters who enabled Fr. Jeremiah, principal of St. Joseph Secondary School, to finish the girls' dormitory! Building projects are necessary but always particularly challenging! Because of your generosity, they were able to finish construction just in time to admit more girls for the start of the 2021 school year in January! Fr. Jeremiah and the girls are extremely grateful for this opportunity for them to receive an excellent Catholic high school education. Interestingly, we were able to send the final funding and the construction was completed in the Year of St. Joseph! St. Joseph, Pray for us! ■

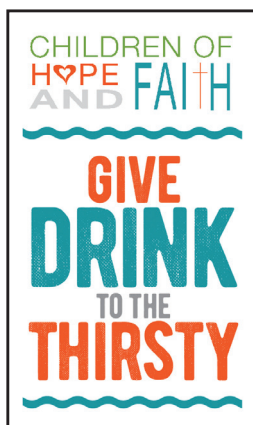
LENTEN PROJECT

GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY

As many of you know, a clean and adequate water supply is a huge basic need for the people in Tanzania. Sr. Justina, Fr. John's biological sister and Franciscan Sister of St. Bernadette, is the Assistant Principal at St. Bonaventure Primary School. It was founded by the Franciscan Sisters of St. Bernadette and the school opened in January 2018. There is an acute shortage of water for the children, teachers, and staff. Sr. Justina is forced to purchase water which is a drain on their already limited resources. She asked for our assistance to build a huge water tank (200,000 liters) to harvest rainwater from the rooves of the school buildings. Lent is a perfect time to help those most in need with the corporal work of mercy to give drink to the thirsty. Thank you in advance for your generosity so the water tank can be completed. The cost is \$15,800. ■



Kindergarten students having fun at recess.



Sr. Justina with students at St. Bonaventure School.

Opportunity to Give the Gift of Prayer: MONTHLY HOLY HOUR

We have a monthly Holy Hour for the intentions of COHF and our supporters. Intentions are emailed on the first Wednesday of the month. We ask people to pray the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and to remember these intentions in their prayers during the month. If you would like us to include a specific prayer intention or if you would like to receive the Holy Hour intention list, please contact Jane Walsh: childrenofhopeandfaith@gmail.com



CHILDREN IN NEED OF HALF SPONSORSHIP

There are many children in need of sponsorship or scholarship to attend school. An excellent education is the most important gift we can provide a child to give them the possibility of a much better future. Some people prefer to have a half sponsorship of a student. Students who currently have a half sponsor and need another half sponsor are shown below. There are also many students in need of full sponsorships. ■



Aaron Jovin
St. Bonaventure
Primary School
\$350/yr.



Nicas Straton
St. Augustine
Primary School
\$375/yr.



Ivanus Zilimu
Kwauso Secondary
School
\$350/yr.

GIRLS PROVIDE FOR SPONSORED CHILD AND PROMOTE COHF



Devyn (Rt.) and her friend Elizabeth raise money for her sponsored child.



Efosia can attend St. Peter Claver School because of Devyn's initiative.

Many thanks to Devyn for her initiative to sell cookies and lemonade to raise money and awareness for her sponsored child. Devyn had a cookies and lemonade sale with her friend Elizabeth. Many people stopped by and the girls were sure to tell everyone about the cause. Each person received a thank you note for their donation and were asked to please say a prayer for Efosia and her family. Our website was given for more information on COHF. Great job girls! Thank you for your sponsorship of Efosia. ■

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