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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Thank you for the tremendous blessing each of you is to COHF! Our mission trip last November inspired us with how much good our sponsors, donors and volunteers are accomplishing for the people in the Kayanga and Rulenge-Ngara Dioceses. We are most grateful to Fr. John and our other Tanzanian friends for hosting us and for their hospitality. Pictured above is our mission group including Fr. Robert, the Diocesan accountant, and Fr. John's sister, Tekla. It was a wonderful opportunity to visit with our sponsored children and to see the benefits of our many projects for the schools and health centers.

In this issue we also highlight our Lenten project "Give Drink to the Thirsty". There is an urgent need for the poorest school where we have sponsored students. The children at St. Augustine Primary School are suffering from health problems due to lack of clean water, sanitation and good hygiene. The school is in desperate need of a water tank to collect rainwater, sewage system, and bath facilities for boys and girls.

We are grateful to each of our supporters for making a huge impact on the lives of children and on the communities we serve in Tanzania.

May Our Lord Jesus abundantly bless you for your generosity!

St. Josephine Bakhita, pray for us! ■

Sincerely in Christ,
Jane Walsh

CONGRATULATIONS TO DEACON STEPHEN RUHAGAZE AND DEACON ELIGIUS ZILIMU!

Two of our sponsored seminarians were recently ordained to the Diaconate! Deacon Stephen was sponsored in high school through COHF. Upon graduation from Form IV at St. Alfred Secondary School, he entered the Seminary for the Rulenge-Ngara Diocese. Deacon Eligius is currently doing pastoral work at Our Lady of the Assumption Church in the



Deacon Stephen Ruhagaze



Deacon Eligius Zilimu

Kayanga Diocese. Deacon Stephen and Deacon Eligius will be ordained to the Priesthood this July and August, respectively. We are very happy for them and grateful they will be serving God's people through the Priesthood. ■

VISITING ANGEL HOME ORPHANAGE, SCHOOLS, AND OUR SPONSORED STUDENTS



Students at St. George Kindergarten class excited about our visit.

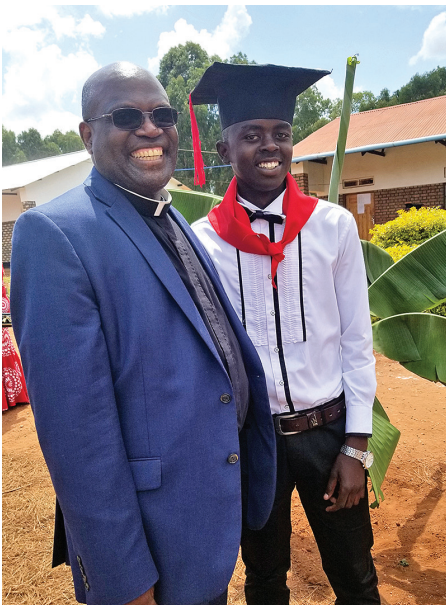
The mission trip was a great opportunity to visit Angel Home Orphanage, the schools, and our sponsored students. Thank you to all who donated teaching materials for the newly formed kindergarten programs. We presented teachers at four schools with the much-needed classroom supplies. They very much appreciate your kind assistance.

What a wonderful visit with our sponsored students! Sponsors please know how much it means to your child to be sponsored through COHF! Many of the children asked about their sponsor and requested their picture. They send their love and gratitude. Our older students in secondary school and post-high school education recognize the excellent education they are receiving. The children are grateful for your love and sacrifice to give them such a wonderful opportunity!

Two examples of the success of sponsorship:

Fr. Arsenius Gotfrid is the Chaplain at St. Augustine Secondary School. When he addressed the school assembly during our visit, Fr. Arsenius told the students and teachers how much COHF had done for him. He was sponsored at St. Alfred Secondary School and entered the Seminary upon graduation from Form IV. He continued to be sponsored by COHF as a Seminarian. Fr. Arsenius was ordained to the Priesthood in 2017 and is now helping other young people in secondary school.

Six years ago we met Elian Kazanga while we were staying at a guesthouse run by the Franciscan Sisters of St. Bernadette. One of the sisters asked us to help Elian who was working in the kitchen. Elian wanted to attend school but did not have the money. She was sponsored at St. Joseph and Bukoba Secondary Schools and graduated from Form VI. This year we visited Elian in her first year at Sengerema Medical School. She is most grateful for her education and we share in her happiness. ■



Allan Zilimu graduated from Form IV from St. Joseph Secondary School.

VISION CLINICS

Mary and Mark Ebert, Vicky Lappin and Fr. John brought compassion and joy to people at Nyakatuntu, Fr. John's home village, and St. Vincent Dispensary through the vision clinics. People were assessed for both reading and distance glasses. It was wonderful to see their smiles and happiness when they could see much better with the correct glasses. A community nurse and doctor at St. Vincent's Dispensary were also trained to use the vision kits. More kits will be provided and they will be able to continue to offer future vision clinics. ■



Patricia, a nurse and Fr. John's sister-in-law, learning to use the vision kits to continue future vision clinics.



Mark providing glasses to Fr. Serapion at Nyakatuntu.

HEALTHCARE UPDATE

There continues to be a great need for better health care for people in the rural communities. Our supporters, particularly from St. John Paul II parish, donated medicines and medical supplies for St. Francis Rwambaizi Health Center and St. Vincent Businde Dispensary. We saw the benefits of the medical supplies and equipment, which had been provided through the generosity of our donors.

The greatest need for St. Vincent Businde Dispensary was an increase in solar energy for electricity. The delivery bed for pregnant mothers was in a dark room with some lighting provided by very old batteries. COHF had previously contributed a diagnostic microscope and small autoclave for sterilization of instruments, but there was a need for more electricity to run the equipment. We are grateful to one of our health care donors for funding the solar energy project. It will make a huge difference in the ability of St. Vincent Dispensary to give better medical care to pregnant mothers and their children. Fr. Erick Muganyizi, who is in charge of the health center, said that he and the staff consider the increased electricity to be a miracle and they are very happy. The local community is also most grateful, especially the women. They send a heartfelt thank you and the promise of prayers for the continued success of our work. ■



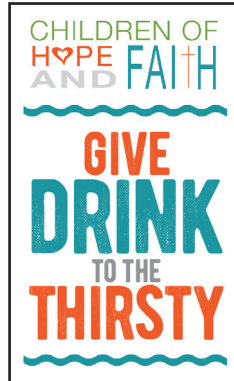
Fr. Erick and nurse at the autoclave for sterilization of medical instruments.



New Solar Panels being installed at St. Vincent Businde Dispensary.

LENTEN PROJECTS

URGENT ACTION NEEDED FOR ST. AUGUSTINE PRIMARY SCHOOL GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY



During our trip, we visited St. Augustine Primary School. It is the poorest school where we have sponsored students. The school is old and not in very good condition. There are 205 students, teachers and staff. It is located in a very rural area and the people in the local community live in abject poverty. Here is an excerpt from the children's letter explaining their main need:

Dear visitors...challenges include absence of bathrooms and latrines for both boys and girls. We wash our bodies in public areas which has no floor thus easy to be infected with diseases from dirty water such as U.T.I., fungus, etc., Thus failing to attend studies regularly and this also costs much money for medical treatment.

The Diocesan report also cited problems with the diseases of typhoid, malaria and cholera. The water from a well is not usable due to a high content of toxic minerals.

The school is in desperate need of a large water tank (100,000 liters) to collect rainwater for drinking, cooking and good hygiene. They also need a sewage system and new bathrooms for boys and girls. The school does not meet Government health department standards, so this is an urgent and acute need.



Children at St. Augustine Primary School who will benefit from the project.

The cost is \$8,300 for the water tank, \$3,524 for the sewage system, \$23,562 for the bath and toilet facilities for boys and girls. ■

BUILDING-UP GOD'S LITTLE ONES LENTEN PROJECT 2018

We are extremely grateful to all of our supporters who generously contributed to "Building-up God's Little Ones". The Lenten project helped to fund the construction of dormitories for boys and girls at St. Peter Claver School. The kindergarten project has been realized due to your generosity! Bishop Almacheus, Fr. Robert, the principal, teachers, and parents are extremely thankful for your kind assistance. ■



Boys' Dormitory - assessing progress of construction during our Mission trip.



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- Support for Angel Home Orphanage
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IN GRATITUDE FOR VITAL SUPPORT

We are extremely grateful to the artisans who gave of their time and talent at the Arts and Crafts Bazaar. Thank you also to the many bakers and volunteers who helped make the fundraiser a great success. The artisans and people who attended commented on how much they look forward to this annual event. A special thank you to Holy Cross Church for hosting the bazaar and to Tracy Duchinsky for organizing the event. Over \$4500 was raised, which supported the St. Peter Claver Kindergarten project. ■

COHF FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2018

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