



— THE OPENING OF EYES —



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That day I saw beneath dark clouds
the passing light over the water
and I heard the voice of the world speak out,
I knew then, as I had before
life is no passing memory of what has been
nor the remaining pages in a great book
waiting to be read.

It is the opening of eyes long closed.
It is the vision of far off things seen for the silence they hold.
It is the heart after years of secret conversing speaking out loud in the clear air.

It is Moses in the desert fallen to his knees before the lit bush.
It is the man throwing away his shoes as if to enter heaven and finding himself
astonished,
opened at last,
fallen in love with solid ground.

David Whyte from *Songs for Coming Home*



———— **NAIROBI – KENYA** ————

As this Newsletter is being compiled, there is a huge political rally going on at Uhuru Park. The opposition party CORD has organised the rally to put pressure on Government for a national dialogue on issues affecting the country. There has been widespread anxiety across the country as nobody knows how things will turn out. In recent weeks there has been an increased level of insecurity along the Coastal region with over 80 people killed in Mpeketoni, Hindi and Lamu alone in a period of three weeks.

We request that you join us in prayers for peace in Kenya.

———— **CONTACTING THE D.L.** ————

Dear Brothers

Maybe I shouldn't be using the newsletter to send you all a message, but I don't yet have all your addresses on my computer, so it's a convenient way of sending this message. I will do better next time! Did you feel the earth shake during the night of June 30 or the early hours of July 1? That was when the 'official' handover occurred from the last DLT and the new team – although George and Amandi may not have noticed anything different! Anyway, whether or not you felt the vibrations, I now have the pleasure and privilege of being the District Leader.



George, Tony and Vincent at South C

I am sending this from Lusaka, but by the time you read it I will be on the ground in Nairobi, settling into South C. It's nearly four years since I was a permanent resident in Nairobi and I have a happy feeling of 'coming home'.

From next week I will take over the District

Leader email address (eadleader@gmail.com).

My personal email remains the same. I ask that any communication to me as District Leader go to the Leader's address and not to my personal address.



My phone number will be the same one I have used on recent visits to Nairobi – 0724 766985.

I look forward to gradually seeing and greeting you all in the coming days and weeks.

Fraternally

Tony

———— **BUNGALOW SURPRISES CK 14** ————

Mr. Peter Shanahan welcomed the CK group Monday morning 30 June. Home visits were then made to some of the families before visits to classrooms. Following lunch and interactions with the children at the lunch recess, the group made a visit to the Edmund Rice Advocacy Network offices where they engaged with the staff Joash and Ruth. Martin Khaemba then took the group to the Embulbul community house and Bungalow, of particular interest to Paul Shannon, deputy principal at St Bernard's Essendon who funded the construction of the Bungalow in 2006/7. The group was impressed with both the quality and maintenance and the bungalow.



Pictured with the CK group on the steps leading to the bungalow are Marin (in the foreground) and Naomi, the community housekeeper.

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———— **RECONNECTING WITH THE TAMALE 5** ————

It was that time to take one more step into oneself and share where we are as individual as it has been our way of reconnecting . Meeting with my novitate colleagues always gives me joy and motivation in everything I do. We not only had chance to share where we are and what we do in our day to day activity, but also it is that time to be away from our daily patterns and listen and share with one another



our joys and challenges. I get encouraged to know we are all connected in one way or the other .
Having someone you can share freely, having someone you can lean on him as a brother is what makes the group going. Many thanks to



L-R Paul Mutuku, Chris Munialo, Constantine Sunday and David Oyugi

Br Chris, David and Paul for finding time to not only share our stories as pilgrims on the journey but also gave a listening heart and support. We were also aware Br Nick could not make it with us.

Finally many thanks for Br Russel for making this happen. Peace

BR SUNDAY

———— **MARY RICE WELCOMES CK 14** ————

There was singing and drumming as the children and staff of Mary Rice welcomed the CK group on Wednesday morning 2 July. After visiting some of the Mary Rice families, engaging in activities with the children and a hearty lunch, the children farewelled the visitors.



One of the students Naomi (not her real name) is pictured anointing the hands of Paul as he and his companions prepare to leave. Also in the picture from left are Director Gerald, Dsmian, Fran and Jo

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———— **CK 14 SEES COLOURS OF RUBEN** ————



On Tuesday morning 1 July, the CK group was given, in front of a Ruben mural, a briefing by Director Frank O'Shea before being taken a visit to the many ministries by Ruben Public Relations officer, Elizabeth. After lunch at the newly opened Ruben Restaurant, the group experienced the tragedy of one of the nearby Mukuru dumpsites where people, including children, scavenge for leftovers, including food.

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———— **KEATING HOUSE HAPPENINGS** ————

Our correspondent from Keating House in Lusaka sent us these great photos of the CLT and PLT.

Pictured are (front line L-R Albert Gomez, Peter Dowling, Hugh O'Neill, Tony Shanahan, Alfred Banda and Julian McDonald).
Back row (L-R Richard Walsh, Michael Podbury, Michael De Klerk and John Casey)





———— **CK 14 AT CHAPPELL HIGH SCHOOL, KIBERA** ————

On Wednesday afternoon 2 July, the CK group visited *Wanawake kwa Wanawake* (wkw) with a focus on the 20 students at the Frank Chappell (informal) High School. All the students achieved high marks in their 2013 KCPE and most of them have assurance of funding for High School in 2015. The students welcomed the visitors in song and dance and then broke into small groups with the visitors to discuss issues affecting teenagers in Kibera.



Pictured are the staff and students of wkw. On the left of the front row is wkw Director, Sr Leonida. Second left is postulant Alphonse who is temporarily teaching music to the students. .

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———— **CK AFTER LUNCH AT SINON** ————

On Friday, 4 July, the Carrigg Karibu visited Edmund Rice, Sinon, Arusha. Despite it being school holiday time in Tanzania, they were met by some staff and students who showed the visitors around the school complex. Then the students (Masai) walked with the group to meet their families in their houses. The 14 km walk was demanding but the conversations were enriching. After being picked up by bus driver Martin, the brothers hosted a nourishing lunch.



Pictured after lunch outside the Brothers community chapel are, from left: Standing: Damian, Jo, Fran, Betty, Pascal Kituku, Paul, Clem Barrett; Squatting: Karanja, Bill Dowling, Martin Kashakiri.

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———— THE ZIMELE EXPERIENCE IN ELDORET ————

After the jovial welcome by the Education for Life family, the Zimele group in their commitment of helping their African brothers and sisters immersed themselves in the various activities of the clients so as to feel with them. In pairs, they joined the savings and internal lending communities (SILC) groups and were amazed to see the women leading themselves as they did their savings and lend each other the minimal amounts for their upkeep. They commended the model as it benefits the groups unlike the banks taking huge interests.

On 1st of July which was their second day, they visited the clients in their various homes and some went emotional as they witnessed the poor living standards of the vulnerable families. It was a total contrast comparing the jubilations and dancing during the welcome ceremony. Despite this they still marveled at the bright faces and warm welcome they received from the families.

On their third day they visited the schools where we have our sponsored children. This was a wonderful experience as they played



and danced with the children who will remain with the good memories.



The humble schools that cater for the children from the slum areas have been a blessing since the public schools are very far beyond reach for the children some of whom are living with HIV. In the afternoon they visited Iten town the home of

athletics where they were privileged to meet world champion David Rudisha with his coach Br Colm O'Connell . It was a moment of debriefing after the long journey as they viewed the Kerio Valley.

As they left on 3rd July , the clients escorted them with dance as they bid them fare thee well.

We look forward to their coming back next year and hope for a sustainable partnership. Thanks to Brs George and Vincent who joined us in welcoming the visitors.

Angie Obutu
Education for Life Programme

———— **GRADUATION** ————

We congratulate our three Brothers Julias Oluoch, Phelix Odera and Joseph Owino who will be graduating from Christ the Teacher Institute of Education this coming Saturday 12th July 2014.

The commencement ceremony will begin at Tangaza University College with Eucharist at 9:00 am, thereby followed by a reception at the Brother's residence in Karen at 1:00 pm.

All Brothers in Nairobi are welcome. Community Leaders are requested to give numbers to John Paul (koluochjp@yahoo.ie) for catering purposes.

Birthdays

JULY

07

JOHN PAUL OLUOCH (Karen)



07	STEPHEN WANDABUSI (Karen)
16	FRANCIS NKWABI (Sinon)
26	GERALD MGALULA (Otiende)

CALENDAR

July 15 – 17	Child Protection Workshop
July 27 – August 2	Long workshop for all APs and also FPs on T4T training
Sept 20	Cluster Day in Nairobi (Saturday 9 am to 5 pm)
Sept 28 – 30	ERMA gathering, Dimesse Centre
Oct 31 – Nov	Community Leaders Meeting (Friday supper and Saturday)
Nov 29	First Profession (Tamale)
Dec 6	Ritual of welcome and missioning for newly professed (Nairobi)
Dec 12 - 14	District Assembly

Many blessings

George Massay