



— SHINE AND SHADOW —



"Untether yourself from the engines of busyness, one by one—laptop, desktop, wristwatch, scribbled lists, even the telephone, especially the one you carry everywhere, the little tyrant. This will all feel unnatural but it's not. . . ."

Instead, consider your life—
who you love, and why,
how lucky you are to be here,
resting under a shower of birdsong,
or what strange bright luck it is to be the owner,
for a few years, of this beating heart,
these wondering eyes,
the ears into which the kingfisher spills her small chuckle as
she dips across the water. . . ."

—Kathleen McTigue
An excerpt from Summer Sabbath

— DEATH OF DR DAVID ABDULAI —

We mourn the death of Dr. David Abdulai of Shekinah Clinic in Tamale Ghana who died of thyroid cancer. Many Brothers who did their novitiate in Tamale know Dr Abdulai. We will have more about him next week. May he rest in peace.





MEETING OF PROVINCE FORMATION TEAM

The second meeting of the Province Formation Team took place in Nairobi recently. In fact, the meeting took place in two moments. Firstly, a small group of representatives from the two novitiates and the convenor (Vince Duggan, Joe Mosely, Tony Shanahan) met to examine the feasibility of a different model of novitiate that was suggested at the January formation meeting in Lusaka. This was followed by the meeting of the full team – Kephias Ndalama joined us from Mazabuka postulancy, and Gerard Ellul from Shams postulancy. Victor Alpha (WAD) was an apology.

As well as the novitiate model, other matters that featured in our discussions were:

- The ongoing review of the Province's Accompaniment policy;
- Concerns about vocations in some parts of the Province, resulting in no postulants in SCD this year, and no first-year novices in the Province in 2017;
- Planning for in-service workshops for formators in 2017, including one for those doing accompaniment;
- Planning a review of the Province policy on admission of candidates who are HIV+. This should take place next year.

In addition, the Formation Handbook that is a fruit of the January meeting in Lusaka received its final check and approval. It will be distributed to formation houses and Districts in October. DLTs will be asked to provide a copy for each community in the Province.

As always at such meetings, one of the most valuable features was the informal sharing of experience that took place outside meeting time.





The photo shows the team enjoying each other's company at Mary Ward Centre.

Tony Shanahan

———— **CLUSTER DAY FOR BROTHERS IN KENYA** ————



Brothers at Mary Ward Centre during the cluster day

Last Saturday, Mary Ward Centre hosted 20 Brothers who live and work in Kenya for a cluster day. The focus of this cluster day was reflecting on our Mission as followers of Blessed Edmund Rice here in East Africa.



Tony lighting candles for the various ministries of the District

Tony Shanahan who was the main facilitator of the day asked the Brothers to reflect on a question: What was the mission of the Brothers when they joined? Is it different now? What factors have brought about changes?

As the day progressed we delved into the development language by analyzing our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats in mission. Frank O'Shea skillfully led this session. The material gathered during this session will help a smaller group of Brothers gathering at Dimesse Centre today (Monday 3rd Oct) to formulate District Strategic Plan until 2020, when new leadership teams will be appointed. This strategic plan will be used to seek funding to implement new initiatives in strengthening





our mission capacity. By all means it was a successful day filled with a positive spirit of brotherhood.

George Massay

———— **A CAPACITY BUILDING PLAN 2017-2020**
FOR EAST AFRICA DISTRICT MINISTRIES ————

Following an extensive capacity assessment exercise for ministries and the District Leadership Team (DLT), conducted by a consultancy firm, Move Africa, the DLT has been gathering feedback from various stakeholders i.e. Brothers and ministry leaders to analyse the priority capacity building needs, both for the ministries and the District Leadership Team. A small group, composed of the DLT, the District Mission Officer, and representatives of the ministries, gathered at Dimesse Sisters Centre to develop the strategic objectives to inform the development of the capacity building plan.



L-R Edwin Ochieng (Consultant), George Massay, Russell Peters, Vincent Mallya, Tony Shanahan and Frank O'Shea

This is work in progress. The next step is wordsmithing to put it into the Development language.

George Massay

———— **BROTHER BEAUSANG PRE-SCHOOL GRADUATES** ————

Last week it was pomp and colour in Brother Beausang Catholic Education Centre because of the newly- introduced Pre-school graduation ceremony. In the past, most adults had to wait till university or college completion to graduate. However, nowadays things have changed and joining class one calls for a graduation.

The Principal (Peter Shanahan) and Bro. Daniel were present as Guest of Honor and Master of Ceremonies respectively. Most of the pre-





school parents attended the occasion, thanks to the positive parenting program that has changed the Embulbul community perception on parenting. It was a grand ceremony, with several presentations from the pupils and speeches from staff and parents. The ceremony culminated with the graduates and their parents cutting a delicious cake, which was shared out to all those who had attended and the awarding of certificates.



Miss Winnie (pre-school coordinator) allowed the graduates to take their gowns home for proper studio photos. A parent, who is also a high school teacher in a neighbouring school, commented that parenting in Kenya now is becoming demanding because there is an increased number of

celebrations for growing children in school. He had to take time off his job to attend the occasion.

**Mercilinus Ounde
Development Officer**

———— **EDMUND RICE KARIBU- COMMUNITY OUTREACH,**
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1 ————



This was the last community outreach for the year in view of the early closure of Primary Schools on October 28.

Twenty-nine members shared with children from 7 of our targeted informal schools. The main focus was on the children's

achievements for the year, the setbacks and difficulties they faced and the means they took to overcome these difficulties. The feedback from leaders was very positive.

BR. PETER COLE





———— THE ULTIMATE DAY OF THE UNDERDOGS AS BULLDOGS FINALLY WIN ————

The first reading at Sunday's Mass spoke about vision: "although it may take time, wait for it, for come it certainly will before too long". Is 62 years "too long"?

Attentive participants at Saturday's Cluster meeting at Mary Ward might have noticed secretive communications going on between certain (mainly wazungu) Brothers when the presenter's back was turned, and a buzz of excitement in the air. It was all about the fact that Tom Kearney's Australian football team, the Western Bulldogs, were playing in their first Grand Final for 55 years (which they lost). And it was 62 years since they had won the premiership!



Tom Kearney following the scores of the game before cluster session

All was made well by morning tea - the Bulldogs had triumphed, and Tom was floating on air! Tom was 8 years old when he saw the Bulldogs win in 1954. He was what Australians call a "true believer", he kept the vision alive - and, as the prophet Habakkuk said, "for come it certainly will" - after 62 years of waiting.

Hongera sana, Tom, enjoy the elation and excitement. It's only six months till the next season begins!

Tony Shanahan

———— NOTICE ————

Brothers in Nairobi are invited for BBQ at Mary Ward Centre on Sunday 9th October at 7:00pm to be followed by missioning ceremony of the Gone Fishing participants.

Community Leaders please RSVP George Massay by Wednesday 6th October for catering purposes.

———— NEW EMAIL ADDRESS ————

Please note that Br Daniel Lyimo has a new email address, and it is dplyimo73@gmail.com

Please update your contacts.





Birthdays
OCTOBER

08	DENIS REARDON (Yambio)
13	CHRISPINUS MUNIALO (Karen)
23	TONY SHANAHAN (Sth C)
23	WYCLIFFE MAISIBA (Sinon)
26	SIMON KASWAHILI (Sinon)
31	TIM LOCKWOOD (Karen)

CALENDAR

OCTOBER 10-12	Formation Committee Meeting
OCTOBER 12	DLT Meeting
OCTOBER 14-16	AP Workshop - Arusha
OCTOBER 26	DLT Meeting
OCTOBER 28-29	Community Leaders Meeting
NOVEMBER 8	DLT meeting
NOVEMBER 21-24	PLT meeting (Freetown)
NOVEMBER 26	First Profession (Tamale)
NOVEMBER 30	DLT meeting
DECEMBER 3-7	DLT away for end-of-year review and planning
DECEMBER 12	Jamhuri Day
DECEMBER 16-18	District Assembly

Many blessings

George

