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THE GIFT OF ANOTHER YEAR



Questions or answers?

A Gift

Just when you seem to yourself
nothing but a flimsy web
of questions, you are given
the questions of others to hold
in the emptiness of your hands,
songbird eggs that can still hatch
if you keep them warm,
butterflies opening and closing themselves
in your cupped palms, trusting you not to injure
their scintillant fur, their dust.
You are given the questions of others
as if they were answers
to all you ask. Yes, perhaps
this gift is your answer.

~ Denise Levertov ~

(Sands of the Well)



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TUTEMBEE PAMOJA

“Tutembee pamoja” – let us walk together – is the name given to the annual visit of a group of young adult Edmund Rice Camp leaders from Australia. They spend time meeting their East African counterparts and together running Edmund Rice Camp activities. The photo below gives visual expression to the idea.



The visit has become a regular part of our January timetable. Good news this year – Kenya’s improved security situation has allowed the group to include Kenya in its itinerary again, after several years of visiting Arusha only.

*Jean-Pierre makes some new friends.
Questions and answers...*

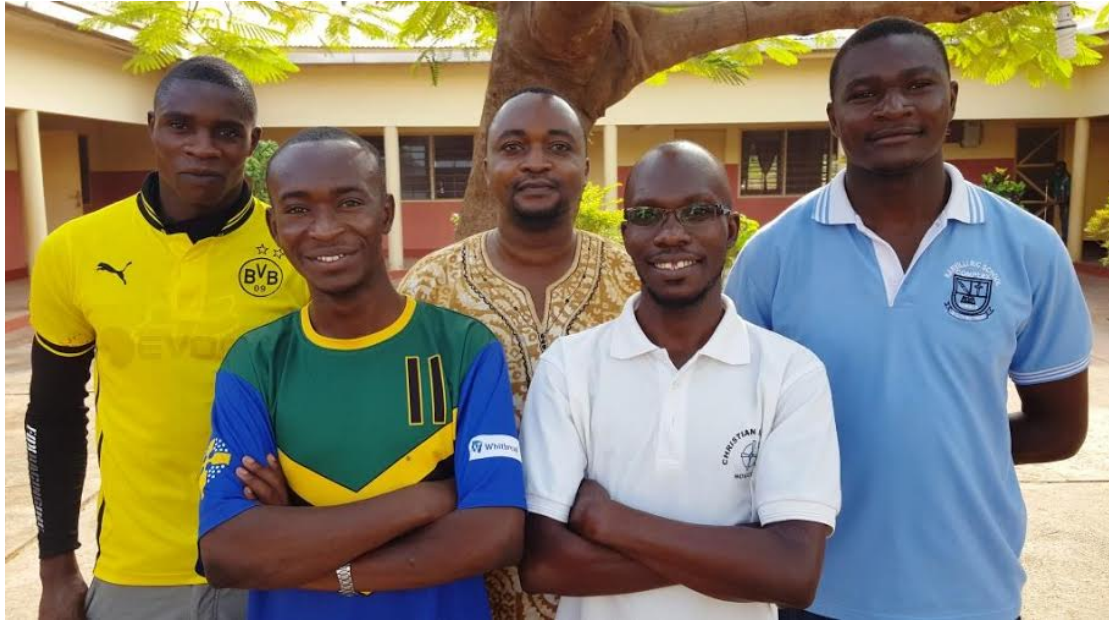




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NEW LIFE IN NAIROBI

We have seven “new” Brothers in Nairobi at the start of 2017, and we have opened a new house – but only temporarily! The seven Brothers are preparing to travel to India in April for the next Orientation Programme, and five of them are the Brothers who took their first vows in Tamale in November. Silverio is back in Nairobi from Eldoret, and Wycliffe is back from his two years in ERSSS in Arusha.



Kelvin, Allan, Melky, Isaac and Edwin are forming community in a house in South B rented from the MSOLA Sisters (below).





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Isaac reports from South B: “After some weeks of holiday at their various homes, Edwin, Melky, Allan, Kelvin and Isaac returned to Nairobi to form a community in South B in a house which the MSOLA sisters have been using as a formation house.

They are preparing for their ministry experience with two weeks of activities, including community building, and sessions on Community Engagement, OWITF and Theological Reflection”. Maybe more questions and answers...

(l.) Isaac gives the garden some attention.

They will have an eight-week ministry experience, with Edwin and Melky working at Ruben Centre, and Allan, Kelvin and

Isaac at Mukuru Promotion Centre (Sisters of Mercy). Their ministry will have a Community Engagement emphasis, with immersion in local communities and engagement with the needs and aspirations of the people.

In the meantime, Silverio will join the Otiende community and have his ministry experience with the Edmund Rice Karibu Group. Wycliffe will join the Embulbul community, and, when not making the 30-day retreat as part of his discernment for final profession, will “shadow” Sunday Otieno in his community engagement role at BBCEC.

“Tutembe pamoja” – visitors and locals in Nairobi.





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BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY 15	RUSSELL PETERS (Otiende)
16	PETER COLE (Otiende)
19	ISAAC ODONGO (South B)
26	DANIEL LYIMO (ISC Lusaka)
28	TOM KEARNEY (Embulbul)

CALENDAR

JANUARY 16	Arrival of CLT for visitation of EAD.
JANUARY 16-20	Workshop for formators in Lusaka.
JANUARY 29	Cluster meeting – CLT and Brothers (Mary Ward)
FEBRUARY 10-12	AP workshop
FEBRUARY 19-23	CLT meet African leadership teams (Lusaka)
FEBRUARY 25	Final Profession of Simon Peter Odongo

