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———— A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY ————



And the world cannot be discovered by a journey of miles,
no matter how long,
but only by a spiritual journey,
a journey of one inch,
very arduous and humbling and joyful,
by which we arrive at the ground at our feet,
and learn to be at home.

~ Wendell Berry ~

———— PRAYER REQUEST ————

For the repose of the souls of Edgar Mwenesi and Anthony Mwenesi, uncles to Sharon Chogo - ERKG camp leader. This happened last week Tuesday.





WELCOME BACK BR PETER COLE



L-R Brs George Massay, Peter Cole, Gerald Mgalula and Vincent Mallya

Over a week ago we welcomed back to the District Br Peter Cole (aka Mzee) from his holidays in Australia. Typical of his enthusiasm and energy, Mzee came directly to the formation committee meeting where he

promised to be a listener. His community and many friends are delighted to have him back. We wish him good health as he takes on smaller roles to support the good work going on in the District.

BR PASCAL KITUKU'S CELEBRATION AT SHAMS

Saturday 27 May was the first anniversary of the tragic death by road accident of our Brother Pascal Kawembe Kituku. The Shams formation Centre in Arusha, joining in prayer with those gathered at Otiende and Yambio, was picture-perfect after the days of hard work by Brs Julias and John-Paul with postulants, Fred, Mutua, Victor and Dennish. A celebration of



Mother of Pascal (Christine) lays down a wreath assisted by the family members

his life and its impact on the younger and older men and women of Arusha was held near

his grave and was marked by expressions of both joy and sorrow: 'He is with us still' and 'We miss him terribly'.

The choir of Edmund Rice Sinon students led the procession to Mass and then to his graveside where the gravestone was unveiled, blessed by Fathers Lawrence SVD and James SJ, and decorated with roses. In true African style, double the number that was expected attended; many of the locals tuned up, joining Pascal's mother, Christina Kikali





Musyoki and her sons, daughters and grandchildren. An abundant lunch was provided by Pascal's friends.

Pascal always loved a party. He was there in his effervescent spirit.

Br Russell Peters

———— **MESSAGE FROM BR JULIAS OLUOCH** ————



On Saturday 27 religious, members of a small Christian community, neighbours, and 11 family members of the late Br. Pascal Kituku assembled at Shams to celebrate the first anniversary of the death of Br. Pascal. The mass started at around 11.30 am presided over by Fr James SJ and Fr. Lawrence SVD. It was a solemn moment when we processed to the cemetery to bless and lay the tombstone.

I would like to thank all who participated in making the day meaningful for the brothers and the family: especially we are grateful to ERN

Arusha, Edmund Rice Sinon Secondary School, and our Postulants. May God bless you abundantly.

Br Julius Oluoch

———— **MEMORIAL PRAYERS IN YAMBIO FOR PASCAL KITUKU** ————

Last Saturday the Yambio community gathering with about 25 others to remember Pascal and to pray in thanksgiving for his life. Pascal had been living in the Yambio community and was community leader when he tragically died last year. He was teaching at Solidarity Teachers' College, so all the staff came. Also, four members of Solidarity Agricultural project in Riimenze joined us, as well as local priests and sisters who knew Pascal.

We sang hymns, listened to a short history of Pascal's life, shared by Odongo, and read scripture and other reflective pieces about death and resurrection. Some present shared memories of Pascal from his short time in Yambio. After this we shared a meal. The community was very pleased that so many friends came to share this day.

Br Gerard Ellul





———— A GATHERING IN OTIENDE - NAIROBI ————



After a Eucharistic celebration on the first anniversary of Br Pascal Kituku in Nairobi

———— EDMUND RICE KARIBU CAMPS NAIROBI - FORMATION DAY ————

Our formation day program took place at St. Mary's - formerly Regina Pacis College--hall on Saturday, 27 May 2017. Br Peter Cole, the chaplain of ERKG. led us in a reflective prayer.



The program brought together youths, both new and experienced members from Kibera slums. Seven teachers, including the Director of Brightstar Primary School and Baraka Za Ibrahim, joined us for the program. Three representatives from Mirror of Hope

Programme, based in Guadalupe Parish (Adams Arcade) and now funded by ERFA, were also in attendance. The facilitators were Mr. Johnstone Shisanya, the programme coordinator of Edmund Rice Advocacy Network (ERAN), and Patrick Matara, our child protection officer and representative. All together, 48 people were in attendance including camp leaders.





The program focused on the range of issues regarding children's rights. Members gained knowledge about advocacy and the method of reporting incidences of child abuse. We were also led to understand the issue of bullying: its symptoms and management, child abuse, communication and Kenya law.

The day ended with a final prayer reflection led by Sammy Muga. We all left at 5:30pm with smiles on our faces showing the happiness of a day well spent.

Sammy Muga

———— TEAM BUILDING AND STRATEGIC PLANNING ACTIVITY FOR ERAN STAFF ————

Edmund Rice Advocacy Network (ERAN) held three-days of team building and Strategic Planning activities from 22nd to 24th May 2017, at Mary Ward Center, Nairobi, and at Kereita forest, Kimende.



The purpose of the gathering was to remind us that we belonged to each other, and that our various professional backgrounds and expertise were inter-dependent in order to realize our long-term organizational objectives. At the end of the three days, that climaxed with fun activities, the participants had learnt much on how to improve productivity in terms of being transcendent, creative, coherent and forming a staff who espoused the principles of self-motivation and intuitive insight, being of service together, sharing wisdom together, and working in one spirit.

By Victor Baraza





EDMUND RICE FULL DAY CAMP - ELDORET

The saying goes: 'Where there is a will, there is a way.' This proved to be true during our camp in Eldoret on Saturday 27th May. The cold weather didn't prevent the high spirit and energy of both the leaders and children who participated in the camp activities. More than 112 children and 21 camp leaders congregated at the church for the usual camp activities. However, the day started with a new program before the games: 35 minutes of basic social skills training for children. Some parents joined us to see what happens during the camp. It was very encouraging to have their support.

Br PAUL MUTUKU

WORKSHOP AT BISHOP DELANY MEMORIAL SCHOOL

On May 23rd to 25th, Education for Life conducted a three-day workshop at Bishop Delany Memorial School for 40 boys and 36 girls in Form One to empower them with life skills on behaviour change in order to cope with life challenges. The school is within a rural cosmopolitan environment; hence the vulnerability of the students due to socio-economic challenges.



The training was conducted using a participatory approach, whereby the participants were led to explore their realities by assessing the behaviours that are risky and to choose alternative behaviours. The students were formed into groups which will become support groups for them as they journey through life in secondary school.





This behavior change workshops helps many young people to remain focused and develop positive attitude towards decision-making in their lives. We hope to continue giving our contribution to this noble mission.

Br Daniel Kyalo.

Birthdays in May

MAY 28	MELKIZEDECK MUSAMIA (Shillong - India)
May 31	Peter Kabia (Karen)
JUNE 01	FREDRICK OCHWALLO (Limulunga, Zambia)
02	VINCENT MALLYA (Otiende)
06	DENNIS ISABOKE (First year Novice –Lusaka)
20	ALPHONCE OROCHE (First year NoviceLusaka)
24	LAWRENCE AGALO (Embulbul)
25	RICHARD DEMARIA (NY)
25	MARTIN BINYENYA (Paul Noonan Novitiate Tamale)

CALENDAR

May 31 – June 6	AP Long Workshop
June 1	Madaraka Day
June 3-13	Gone Fishing Program
June 4-16	CLG Meeting - Rome
August 11-13	AP Workshop
August 14-18	PLT Meeting
August 30-Sept 1	DLT Review
September 8	Community Leaders Meeting
September 9	Cluster
September 11-15	Accompaniment Workshop
September 15-17	Aspirants Discernment weekend
September 21-22	Formation Committee Meeting
October 11	Child Protection Workshop
October 20	Mashujaa Day
October 20-22	Selection of 2018 Postulants
November 6-17	ERI Training Geneva
November 8-10	RSCK AGM
November 20-24	PLT Meeting (Lusaka)
November 25	First Profession (Lusaka)
December 12	Jamhuri Day

Many blessings

George

