

# East Africa District Newsletter

## DRAWN BY MYSTERY, DESTINED FOR LIFE.

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#### $-\!-\!-\!-$ DISTURB US LORD -

Disturb us, Lord, when
We are too well pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true
Because we have dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely
Because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when

With the abundance of things we possess

We have lost our thirst

For the waters of life;

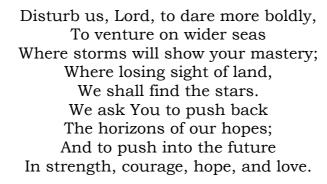
Having fallen in love with life,

We have ceased to dream of eternity

And in our efforts to build a new earth,

We have allowed our vision

Of the new Heaven to dim.





----- PRAYERS REQUESTED -----

For our Brothers and the people of West Africa who are in the midst of the Ebola outbreak.







#### **COME AND WALK WITH ME-**

The presence of the DLT (District Leadership Team) in Eldoret community was a unique one this time round. It was a brotherly visit that made us feel encouraged in our journey of becoming or being religious. Renewal of vows has

for me or for most of



been a critical moment L-R Silverio Wafula, George Massay, Tony Shanahan, Geofrey Kithinji (Back-row) Constantine Sunday and Paul Mutuku

us, the very moment in life of deeper reflection and self-evaluation, that leads to discovering what my heart desire is, where is my inner voice leading me to! As much as it comes with challenges there was motivation from the DLT members. Being able to talk and share where I am as an individual in the District was uplifting because I realized I am part of a bigger group, and I was listened too. It was a warm presence that was not only giving life but encouraging in a brotherly way to rethink of what is my call more so into the new reality of Our way Into the Future.

### **Constantine Sunday**

#### CAPACITY BUILDING



Participants of the Capacity Builing Workshop

Ministry leaders, accountants, development officers and representatives of the ERMEA gathered at Mary Ward center in Nairobi for a two day capacity building workshop from Nov. 7th evening to 9th mid-day, 2014. A group of fourteen was taken through proposal writing skills and donor policies. Mr. Paul Gichuki from Misean

Cara skillfully guided the participants to understand the basics and requirements of the donors. The session was quite insightful and helped to clarify many concerns from previous write-ups.



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Br. Vincent Mallya, the Province Mission Officer and the organizer of the event, reinforced the inputs by using tangible examples for better understanding. He emphasized the importance of communication and meeting deadlines for proposals and reports to avoid unnecessary delays for funding and implementation of projects.

It was recommended that such workshops be held regularly to enhance efficiency in the various ministries.

**Angeline Obutu (EFL)** 

#### — COMMUNITY BUILDING SESSION ——



L-R Silverio Wafula, Paul Mutuku, Bill Colford, Constantine Sunday and Geofrey Kithinji

A very special thank you to George Massay for helping the brothers in Eldoret finally have their community building evening. We started with a reflective prayer on being open to the new which flowed in to the programme. We were able to freely share our hopes, fears, expectations and goals for the coming year. We were able to

volunteer for house responsibilities in a most efficient manner. By far the issue that was raised repeatedly was the need for open, frank and honest sharing where all were agreeable to being challenged and affirmed by members of the community. If we really are to be brother to each other we agreed that this was a most vital ingredient. Now all we have to do is walk the talk. Again, thanks to George for the splendid job.

Paul Mutuku

### ——— EDUCATION FOR LIFE – ELDORET, KENYA ———

Education for Life (EFL) is a Behavior Change Program with a particular emphasis on HIV/AIDS education.

From Wednesday to Friday last week – November 5 – 7, a workshop was presented to 45 inmates at the Eldoret prison. The three presenters, Jane, Leonard and Bill arrived each morning at 9:45 and were escorted to the site they had been assigned. The workshop focused on behavior change as it applies to HIV but in this case it was a more general presentation. The group was enthusiastic in its participation and seemed to be genuinely interested in each aspect of the course. Many of the inmates were well educated and the vast majority could understand English well and that was great, especially for Bill.



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**Inmates in Eldoret Prison** 

The presenters were of course not in control of the movements of the audience and on two occasions they were interrupted when the head count of the inmates was incorrect. The headcount was two more than prisoners so the wardens had to find out why the

discrepancy. One hour later it was resolved but

we lost that hour. On the last day, Friday, we arrived at 9:00 for what we expected to be a full day only to be informed that on Fridays the guards like to leave early in the afternoon so that meant our students had to be in their cells shortly after noon. By noon the chief guard came by and indicated that it was time to end the input. We dragged it out for another half hour. Again, the inmates seemed genuinely disappointed that they did not get the end of the lessons and maybe because they did not get to spend the afternoon out of their cells.

On more than one occasion and by more than one guard, it was mentioned that the course should be given to the wardens. We let them know that we would be more than willing to come and do so at their convenience. They seemed happy with that.

Bill Colford

# ——— LAUNCH OF EDMUND RICE EDUCATION BEYOND BORDERS WEBSITE ———

Dear Friends and Colleagues

I write with the terrific news that the new Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders Website/Global Collaboration Site is now active!

At the heart of EREBB is the opportunity for our school communities, students and educators to network and share around our vision of promoting global solidarity and offering a transformational education for justice and liberation.

This new site aims to enable staff from our schools and organisations to share what they are doing on the ground to further this vision. It



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our hope that this sharing of ideas, practices and resources through the Worldwide Initiatives will provide wonderful opportunities to learn about and further enhance the fantastic work being undertaken in Edmund Rice Schools around the world. You can participate in this sharing and receive our EREBB Newsletter by signing up for membership through the designated button on the site – please sign up!

As EREBB grows, we hope to increase possibilities for sharing and collaboration and we are very open to ideas as to how this might happen; so please feel free to offer any thoughts or suggestions via the website. You are also invited to send any resources and/or news items you would like to share, to info@erebb.org

Please take the time to visit the site at www.erebb.org

Make it a favourite and celebrate the many different expressions of Edmund's educational charism around the world!

**Wayne Tinsey** 

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

NOVEMBER 15 GERARD ELLUL (Shamsi)

#### **CALENDAR**

Nov. 29 First Profession (Tamale)

Dec. 6 Reception and missioning for newly professed

(Nairobi)

Dec. 12 - 15 District Assembly

Dec. 16-18 DLT review and planning days

Many thanks

George Massay



