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### PRIMARY WONDER



Days pass when I forget the mystery.  
Problems insoluble and problems offering  
their own ignored solutions  
jostle for my attention, they crowd its antechamber  
along with a host of diversions, my courtiers, wearing  
their colored clothes; caps and bells.

And then  
once more the quiet mystery  
is present to me, the throng's clamor  
recedes: the mystery  
that there is anything, anything at all,  
let alone cosmos, joy, memory, everything,  
rather than void: and that, O Lord,  
Creator, Hallowed one, You still,  
hour by hour sustain it.

-- Denise Levertov





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## PRAYERS REQUESTED

Prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Andrea Alfonsi Mboya, uncle to Amandi Mboya and of Theresia Okwach, paternal aunt to Lawrence Agalo - our second year novice in Tamale. May their souls rest in peace.

## GRADUATION



Joseph Owino, Phelix Odera and Jualias Oluoch

set out *"Touching Hearts, Teaching Minds, and Transforming Lives"*

We congratulate Joseph Owino, Phelix Odera and Julias Oluoch who completed their bachelor degree in Education. It was an enjoyable day as Brothers, families and friends joined our three Brothers to celebrate their achievements. We

wish them many blessings as they

**GEORGE MASSAY**

## JOHN PAUL AND STEPHEN WANDABUSI TURN 30



Last week two of our Brothers of Karen Community celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> birthday. John Paul was very much pleased to leave the age of 20's.

Pictured is John Paul and Stephen cutting their birthday cake, flanked by friends.

We wish them many blessings in their lives.





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— KENYA HIGH TEA RECYCLED FASHION SHOW —



Last Saturday was a very significant day for us; and especially the children from Reuben Primary. We had a fashion show dubbed High Tea Recycled Fashion Show in partnership with Panari Hotel. Panari Hotel has a program called “Feed a Child Program” whose aim is to plant seeds of greatness in very disadvantaged children from poor backgrounds. The event involved a fashion show from recycled materials such as paper, plastics, sacks and bottles and up-recycled old garments.





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The models were children from Reuben Primary. The event was meant to raise funds for Ruben Centre as well as creating awareness on recycling.

**Liz Mwangi**  
**PRO- Ruben Centre**

———— **SOME REFLECTIONS FROM CARRIGG**  
**IMMERSION 2014 PARTICIPANTS** ————



Betty and Fran

With the cars buzzing here and there, people speaking in a language so distant to what was known to me and karibu being said to me in all directions, I thought I'd been awoken into a new life full of adventures, but nothing could have prepared me for Carrigg Karibu 2014. The adventures were more a

new arising from a sleep so comfortable and warm.

From Mukuru to Embulbul to Ruben to Kibera- the living standards so poor yet the parents still have the same ambitions and wants for a better life just like us all. The people who live here are hope filled and have a strong faith base which is so supported and lived within the Christian Brothers with their help and guidance. TIA – This Is Africa! So much to still reflect on and understand. I know that for me to make a difference here, at home, my school and those I meet I need to process this journey, not adventure, to go to the next stage! All I can say is God bless all and thank you.

**FRAN TOOMEY- ST. EDWARD'S COLLEGE EAST GOSFORD**

East Africa, a profoundly moving experience that both touched and disturbed me. The intimate sharing of personal stories and journeys

highlighted both the inhumanity and undignified existence of far too many.



Betty and Rufina

By contrast the extreme humanity of others, inspiring dedicated and compassionate individuals who collectively make such a difference towards change. They are





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empowering individuals towards the capacity to have choice and hope for change. But still so far to go!

Winston Churchill said "We make a living by what we get but we make a life by what we give."

**BETTY – ST. EDWARD'S COLLEGE EAST GOSFORD**

The significance of this trip can be summed up in one word TOUCH.

I have been touched by East Africa and I have touched East Africa. I have touched faces, hands and came into contact with hearts and minds of hope, of dreams and a strong sense of injustice. I have been touched by Karanja, Rufina, Collins, James, Victor, Kennedy, Shaylee, Gillean, Russell, the Brothers among others.



Jo with pupils at Mary Rice Centre

I have been touched by the welcome and joy with which I have been received. I have shaken hands with so many people, shared a 'skin-moment', in which our cells respond to our common humanity. I have been touched by the spirit of Eddie Rice which is so real, so palpable and so concrete within this context. This lived spirit of Eddie Rice, this shared humanity with my sisters and brothers of East Africa is a living feeling in my skin and I hope to hang on to that feeling when I return to the busy-ness of life.

**JO HART- ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE GEELONG**



East Africa  
Everybody we meet - karibu  
welcome to East Africa  
All excited to be here to be  
immersed  
Sites to see from Nairobi to Arusha  
To meet the African people in their  
own places

After a short while it became clear  
Friends we would make here

Real friends that would touch us forever  
It would come at a price but a price worth more than anything in the  
world





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Come to East Africa we did, affected forever we will be.  
Asante Asante East Africa

**DAMIAN MESSER- ST. VIRGIL'S HOBART**

———— **LIFE BACK TO THE RHYTHM** ————

Over the last year I have been yearning to do something or at least get involved in doing anything outside the house. Finally my prayers have been granted; for the last one month I have been teaching at Frank Chapel School, with students from Kibera slum. It is a school that is supporting poor students with three hundred marks and above in their Kenya Certificate of Primary Education, sponsoring them to high school even to tertiary level under the women for women funds. I am having a good experience with the students of this informal school whereby they are learning music with enthusiasm and really want to know much about the subject which is new in the institution. They learn both reading and translating music and playing the piano keyboard, apart from covering other course work.



It is something I feel that has brought me back to life and giving me energy day by day especially when they engage in questions and seeking clarification. I pray that out of what we are doing together with these twenty students that God may show

them their talents so that they can explore it more to better their lives and the society.

On the photo are four of the students during the practical lesson

**ALPHONCE NYAKUNDI**

JULY            16                    FRANCIS NKWABI (Sinon)  
                     26                    GERALD MGALULA (Otiende)

**CALENDAR:**

July 28 – Aug 2    Long workshop for all APs and also FPs on T4T training





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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

