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TAKE THE WHOLE KIT



Take the whole kit
with the caboodle
Experience life
don't deplore it
Shake hands with time
don't kill it
Open a lookout
Dance on a brink
Run with your wildfire
You are closer to glory
leaping an abyss
than upholstering a rut

~ James Broughton ~

PRAYERS REQUESTED

For Deacon Mark Rougeux, a friend of many Brothers who taught in our formation houses in Tanzania and Cape Town. Mark had an open-heart surgery, and is recuperating well.





MISSIONING OF THE EAST AFRICAN NOVICES



East African Brothers with novices seated in front L-R Kelvin, Edwin, Allan, Isaac, Melchizedek and Alphonse

On Friday 30th January, 26 Brothers who live in Nairobi gathered at Mary Ward Centre to pray and mission the 6 East African novices who are joining the Tamale novitiate in Ghana. The six novices are Edwin, Kelvin, Allan, Isaac, Melchizedek and Alphonse.



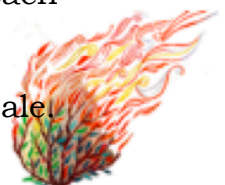
Blessing the new novices

The day was preceded by a day of prayer and reflection as the new novices looked back at their experiences of being postulants, and examining their hearts' desires as they embark on the next stage in their formation.

Each novice introduced himself to the Brothers, and each shared a prayer asking God to be with them in their journey. It was simple and sincere prayer that seemed to have touched something deeper in each one of us.

We wish them many blessings in their two-year experience in Tamale.

George Massay





ST. EDWARD'S GOSFORD 2015 BEGINNING



St Edward's Gosford Year 7

Friday 30 January was the beginning assembly for the school year at St. Edward's. Principal Michael Slattery invited Russell to come and be a co-speaker with the four young men, Jack, Dean, Kirk and Jack who visited in November and with Michael's wife Alison. The four teamed up to share their experiences of Ruben,



Russell Peters speaking at the Assembly

Mary Rice, WkW and Edmund Rice Camps. Alison focused on her experience of the women at the Ruben clinic. Russell was deeply moved by their honest insights, and how their day-to-day lives have been changed by their Nairobi experience. Most of the 1050 boys at the assembly gave their riveted attention to what was shared, especially the beginning Grade

7s. The 2015 Student leaders pledged support for East Africa.

Russell Peters

THE 21ST SESSION OF UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW FOR KENYA

In June 2014, following a consultative forum with at least 21 Faith-Based and Civil Society Organizations in Kenya, Edmund Rice Advocacy Network, Franciscan International and Pax Romana compiled and submitted a joint report to the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva in readiness for the 21st session of the Universal Periodic Review for Kenya in 2015. This joint report focused on six thematic issues namely: the Right to Food; Right to Water and Sanitation; Right to Health; Right to Education; Rights of Internally Displaced Persons; and Rights of Indigenous People and Minority in which several recommendations were made to the Kenyan Government for consideration.





Following this submission, a series of lobbying of diplomatic missions was undertaken, particularly in Geneva with the help of Edmund Rice International, Franciscan international and Pax Romana, to persuade them to take up our recommendations during the review. In Nairobi, we reached out to the French Embassy, who generously agreed to finance a live webcast of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process, assessing the human rights situation in Kenya.

On 22nd January 2015, Edmund Rice Advocacy Network (ERAN), Pax Romana and Franciscan International-Kenya, facilitated a live streaming of the UPR for Kenya at the auditorium of Pope Paul VI Learning Resource Centre at The Catholic University of Eastern Africa. The webcast was attended by over three hundred people (380) from different civil society organizations in Kenya. The panel comprised Senator Hassan Omar of Mombasa County; Hon. Isaac Mwaura, nominated Member of Parliament; Hon. Cecilia Ng'etich, Women's Representative-Bomet County; Commissioner Kagwira Mbogori, Chairperson of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights; Mr. Kinuthia Wa Wamwangi, Chairperson of the Transitional Authority; Ms. Judy Oloo, lecturer, The Catholic University of Eastern Africa; and Mr. Michael Ole Tiampati of PNDK.

The closing remarks were issued by the French Ambassador, who observed the need for a continued partnership between States and civil society organizations through giving constructive feedback rather than lecturing of one state by another. We are glad that many of our recommendations were accepted by the Government and shall be following closely their implementation. However, two of our recommendations did not get the support of the State, and we shall be





following this up to see why they were not accepted. These two recommendations were:

-“to increase the health budgetary allocation to the recommended minimum of 15% of the GDP according to WHO”

-“to comply with its commitments under the Maputo Declaration by allocating at least 10% of its budget to agricultural development.”

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———— EDMUND RICE CAMP IN TANZANIA ————



Edmund Rice Camps Leaders

The Edmund Rice Karibu Camp leaders began the year 2015 in the best way. We had an opportunity to go to Tanzania and run a camp for the children there. I remember every detail of each day. It felt different being in a new country. We immersed ourselves among new people, learning their National language (Kiswahili mwafaka / mufti), sharing their joys, eating their meals and drinking their soup. The Tanzanians were so disciplined and humble. It was easy to make friends with them.





Our Australian friends, too, were very accommodating and loving. We enjoyed as we learned new games and jokes. The small talk we had and the personal sharing moments, including the birthday party for Liz and the celebration of Australia Day, developed our leadership skills and the ability to interact with a wide variety of people. Thanks to you, Aussies.

The camps were successful, thanks to the camp coaches, coordinators, and to the Principal of St. Constantine's for allowing us to use their school compound and allow his students to join the camp leaders' team. For the first time we had an enjoyable swimming sessions. Our gratitude also goes to Mr. and Mrs. Marandu for their heartfelt support throughout the 2 -days' camp. Thanks to St. Constantine and Tanzanian leaders who welcomed us and cooperated extraordinarily in making the camp swift. They demonstrated servant leadership.



Furthermore, we would wish to thank Our Australian friends for their generosity because the camps and our stay in Arusha wouldn't have been possible without them. Thanks to Edmund Rice, Kenya, the Amberley organization and all Eddie Rice networks that supported and funded the operations in Arusha, our travel and accommodation. We would also wish to see the program extend to Uganda so that Ugandans too would have a glimpse of the spirit of Edmund Rice.

Catherine Jemimah.





PICTURES OF THE WEEK



Daniel Lyimo at the St Kilda community



Daniel Lyimo and Mick Podbury in Melbourne

FEBRUARY	05	JOHN CARRIGG (East Perth)
	09	DENIS VAUGHAN (Ireland)

February

6-8	AP Workshop
4	Postulants travel to Arusha
9 – 13	PLT Meeting – Nairobi
13-15	Support Group Meeting – Nakuru
18	Ash Wednesday – DLT Meeting

Many blessings

George Massay

