



ENTER THE NEW COUNTRY



You have an idea of what the new country looks like. Still you are very much at home, although not truly at peace, in the old country. You know the ways of the old country, its joys and pains, its happy and sad moments. You have spent most of your days there. Even though you know that you have not found there what your heart most desires, you remain quite attached to it. It has become part of your very bones.

Now you have come to realize that you must leave it and enter the new country, where your Beloved dwells. You know that what helped and guided you in the old country no longer works, but what else do you have to go by? You are being asked to trust that you will find what you need in the new country. That requires the death of what has become so precious to you: influence, success, yes, even affection and praise.

Trust is so hard, since you have nothing to fall back on. Still, trust is what is essential. The new country is where you are called to go, and the only way to go there is naked and vulnerable.

Henri Nouwen

It may be hard for an egg to turn into a bird: it would be a jolly sight harder for it to learn to fly while remaining an egg. We are like eggs at present. And you cannot go on indefinitely being just an ordinary, decent egg. We must be hatched or go bad.

C. S. Lewis





— GONE FISHING MARCH 2015 WELCOMED —

It was at the Mary Ward Centre on Sunday afternoon 1st March that a lively welcome ceremony in the context of Eucharist was held in the presence of about 100 people for the seven Gone Fishing Participants, six from Australia and one from Ireland.



GF 2015 L-R Neil Hay, Andrew James, Jenni Barrett, Andrew Fullard, Anthony Ryan, Angela Curtain, Peter Hogan, Eliza Percival, Mathew Graham

The students of Frank Chappell High School, the informal school of Wanawake kwa Wanawake (Kenya), sang and danced in true African style. Led by Immersion guides, Karanja and Rufina, each visitor was clothed with a Masai blanket by an Edmund Rice Camp member as a symbol of the warm welcome.

During the refreshments after the Eucharist, the acrobats from Ruben Primary School entertained with their highly talented physical skills.

Russell Peters

— SUPPORT GROUP GATHERING IN NAKURU —



Figure 1 L-R Julius Oluoch, Wycliffe Maisiba, George Massay, Sammy Munyua and Peter Kabia

We have just got back to Nairobi after being in Nakuru for our first Support Group meeting of 2015. Guess what we talked about? From the time we left Nairobi on Friday afternoon the discussion in the car was about Our Way Into The Future. I can't recall any moment we diverted from that discussion. On the weekend we shared about our feelings towards the invitation to this OWITF, but the more I reflected on our interactions





as peers, away from active ministry in Nairobi, the more the invitation became clear in my mind. I recall the doubts and the misunderstanding we had about this invitation but amidst a, in that struggle, something unfolded. I now feel relaxed as I type this discussion.

It was a worthwhile time to be together to support each other as Brothers in various ministries but also to support each other in our vocation journey. Special thanks to all who made our support engagement a success. The discussion towards OWITF continues as the Spirit brings clarity in the sharing of our stories.

Samuel Munyua

———— **NEWS FROM BROTHER BEAUSANG** ————

1: 10 Years of Edmund Rice Education: This year marks the 10th year that the school has been under the management of the Christian Brothers so the school will be celebrating this during the course of the year with our Edmund Rice Celebration Day on May 27 to focus on this as the theme for the day. Recently a number of banners highlighting this were placed in prominent positions around the school.



The new banners with fresh faced Form 1 (left) and above the main entrance.

2: Launch of HIV / AIDS Campaign: The Brother Beausang Scout Patrol and school's Edmund Rice Justice and Peace Club have joined forces to promote a community awareness program on HIV / AIDS. The campaign motto is: *HIV/AIDS: OUR FIGHT* and will run until the Edmund Rice Celebration Day on May 27. The Scouts and ERJ&P members launched the campaign at the weekly school Mass on February 25. All in the school community have been asked to also make donations of dry food, clothing, toys and bedding as part of the





campaign. The Embulbul Catholic Parish, Dispensary and local mosque have also joined in to support the campaign.



Photo: Scouts before Mass on February 25. Scout Commandant Br. Daniel Kyalo (right)

3: Edmund Rice Open Tournament:

Last weekend, the school took the opportunity of the mid term break to host the Inaugural Edmund Rice Open Tournament featuring boys and girls football and volleyball and girls netball. Being the 2014 Nairobi and Kajiado champions in boys football and Kajiado champions in netball, the tournament was well supported with a good number of schools participating, although it appears some of the “big name” football schools thought Embulbul was too far to travel or wished to avoid early humiliation at the hands of the Black Panthers! Being the first time the school has undertaken such an initiative, we hope this will build into a feature tournament over the years.

The girls netball dominated their competition with the Beausang Diamonds adding to their rapidly expanding trophy collection! The boys football showed good form in all their games including defeating Jamhuri High School (2nd in 2014 Nairobi County 2-0). Even though the footballers have lost half of last year’s sides, the new recruits to the team showed good form and continued their steady but impressive build up to the Term 2 games although playing most of the final with 10 men did not assist us when it came to a penalty shoot out! The Black Pearls (girls football) also boasting a number of new faces from the primary ranks also performed well winning the girls tournament. Hospital Hill the national volleyball champions showed why it is helpful to be tall and agile in the volleyball.





Photo: Action from the volleyball court.

4: Drama Festival Success: The school's Drama Club achieved unprecedented success at the recent District competition with all the school's entries proceeding to the County finals. As was the case in 2014, we achieved a first placing in the Stand Up Comedy category as well as second in Cultural Dance and 3rd in Modern Dance, Solo Verse and Narrative. In the County round, the comedians were placed 2nd thus proceeding to the Metropolitan finals whilst the cultural dancers were 3rd. A job well done by all and testimony to the commitment of the students (including two primary dancers) who commenced preparations on the first day of the school year and the talents present in the school community.

Peter Shanahan
Principal

REMINDER

The Nairobi Cluster will be at Mary Ward Centre,
Date: 7th March 2015
TIME: beginning at 0845.

As usual, the day will conclude with the Sunday Eucharist and supper.

Arusha Cluster will be on 14th March.
Details of the timing and venue for the Arusha Cluster will be worked out by the two community leaders there.

Birthdays

MARCH	23	JOHN NYAMBA (First year novice – Lusaka)
	26	BILL COLFORD (Eldoret)
	30	PETER SHANAHAN (Embulbul)
	30	EDWARD MASINDE (First year novice)





CALENDAR

March 7	Nairobi Cluster
March 14	Arusha Cluster
March 18	DLT Meeting
March 20-21	Community Leaders Meeting
March 26-27	Formation Committee Meeting
April 1	DLT Meeting
April 3	Good Friday
April 5	Easter Sunday
April 11	Possible Final Profession in Eldoret
April 29	DLT Meeting

Thank you

George Massay

