



———— WILD GEESE ————



You do not have to be good.
You do not have to walk on your knees
For a hundred miles through the desert, repenting.
You only have to let the soft animal of your body
love what it loves.
Tell me about your despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.
Meanwhile the world goes on.
Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain
are moving across the landscapes,
over the prairies and the deep trees,
the mountains and the rivers.
Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,
are heading home again.
Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,
the world offers itself to your imagination,
calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting --
over and over announcing your place
in the family of things.

Mary Oliver

———— Prayers requested ————

For the repose of the soul of Johanness Minandi RIP (82) father of Br Nicholas Minandi.





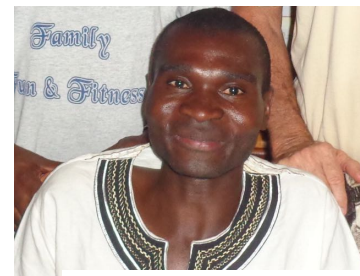
APPROVED FOR FINAL PROFESSION



Julius Oluoch

This last week we received confirmation from our Congregation Leader, Br. Hugh O'Neill, that our two brothers Martin Binyenya and Julius Oluoch have been formally approved to make their life commitment in the Congregation.

We congratulate these two brothers and wish them well as they prepare for the day.



Martin Binyenya

The ceremony of final profession will take place on 11 April 2015 in Eldoret. We look forward to this important ceremony in the life of our District and Province.

George Massay

COMMUNITY LEADERS MEETING



Amandi Mboya, John Paul Oluoch, Tony Shanahan, Paul Mutuku, Russell Peters, Clem Barrett, Sammy Munyua, Gerard Ellul

The meeting took place at Mary Ward Centre. The community leaders of all the communities in the District were present, with the exception of Yambio community which was not represented due to distance. In a well-prepared morning prayer, the ritual of lighting candles took place to bring to our meeting the brothers of our communities for whom the meeting was taking place. Tony lit the candle for the Yambio Brothers.

A number of significant matters were discussed. Not least on our agenda was the topic of how we spend social time together in communities in this age of aggressive social media which has the potential of denying us an opportunity for meaningful conversation





and engagement with each other. Our Chapter calls us to “build joyful communities characterized by intimacy, gentleness, compassion and love”. Is this possible when brothers isolate themselves in the world of cyberspace?

George Massay

———— **EDMUND RICE KARIBU** ————
GROUP STRATEGIC PLANNING ————

It was an incredible marathon of three full days. I’ve never experienced anything non-stop like it as from 8.00a.m Friday till 8.00 p.m Sunday evening. 12 members of the Edmund Rice camps youth labored over goals, objectives, activities, assumptions with unrelenting good spirit. There wasn’t one break in any of the three days which extended until 10.00 p.m each night.



Members of the Edmund Rice Karibu Group

The intensity of articulating the correct words and coming to a consensus was punctuated by little concentration games or movements that brought laughs

and stretched the body back ready for the next phase. I was so impressed with the good will, the commitment to marginalized children and especially the invariable appreciation of the Edmund Rice spirituality that each of the members has embraced. Sunday evening ended with a wonderful Eucharistic celebration and appreciation.

Peter Cole

———— **WEEKEND MINISTRY IN TAMALE** ————

On 14th March 2015, some of us visited different parishes around to see how and where we can involve ourselves in weekend ministry. Luke Lamina, Steven Momoh (both from Sierra Leone) and I went to Holy Cross Parish. We were warmly welcomed by both the catechist and the parish priest.

The priest was very happy to know that we are volunteering to teach catechism. It was a great coincidence because he was looking for





people to teach the children because the seminarians, who were teaching them, were breaking for Easter holiday. The priest, the catechist, the seminarians and we developed the following plan: we will be teaching them on Saturdays and the seminarians on Sundays. While they are on holiday we will be teaching both days (Saturdays and Sundays)



Allan Shunza with children in Tamale - Ghana

Saturday, 21st March 2015, we started our weekend ministry of catechism teaching in different classes such as baptism and confirmation. I was so happy and contented when I was given confirmation class to teach. At this time, my mind went back to Arusha and recalled the time I was involved in confirmation class in Burka Parish. I used to enjoy, and learn from, the children who were full of beans and joy. For sure I miss them a lot especially the good and friendly support from the S.V.D priests - Fr.Hugo, Fr.Geoffry and Fr Paddy. May God bless them all.

After introducing myself to the children, they welcomed me with a Ghanaian song which was very interesting, especially their dancing. I hope to guide the children well and prepare them fully during their confirmation classes. I also open my heart to learn from them too and have a memorable moment here in Ghana.

Allan Shunza





———— TRANSFORMING YOUTH TO TRANSFORM THEIR WORLD ————



Mukuru Community Issues

Training for Transformation (TFT) hit Ruben Centre recently when TFT students Brs Nico Okuku and Elly Sakwa led a group of volunteer youth on the issues affecting their lives in the Mukuru slum. Nico and Elly elicited from the youth a deeper understanding of the historical issues affecting their village. Whilst singing over and over “be the change you would like to see” action plans were formulated and are being implemented.

Russell Peters

———— JUST FOR SOME LITTLE SIDESHOW: ————

This is for the former residents of South C community and our regular visitors and future visitors. We are expanding our community kitchen, so that we can be even more hospitable. I am sure one member of the CLT will be happy to come and put his culinary expertise to practice next time he visits this side of the world.

We have endured unrelenting banging as the wall was being demolished. Our house is full of dust, even the mango tree at the back





was not spared, the leaves are full of dust. We like living in a construction site. The end seems to be in sight. Enjoy the pictures.





BIRTHDAYS

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

CALENDAR

March 26-27	Formation Committee Meeting
April 1	DLT Meeting
April 3	Good Friday
April 5	Easter Sunday
April 11	Final Profession in Eldoret of Julius Oluoch and Martin Binyenya
April 29	DLT Meeting

Thank you

George Massay

