



### WHAT TO REMEMBER WHEN WAKING



You are not  
a troubled guest on this earth,  
you are not an accident amidst  
other accidents  
you were invited from another  
and greater  
night than the one from which  
you have just emerged.

In that first hardly noticed moment to  
which you wake,  
coming back to this life from the  
other more secret,  
moveable and frighteningly honest  
world  
where everything began, there is a  
small opening  
into the new day which closes the  
moment you begin  
your plans.

What you can plan  
is too small for you to live.

What you can live wholeheartedly will  
make plans  
Enough for the vitality hidden in your  
sleep.

To be human  
is to become visible while carrying  
what is hidden as a gift to others.

To remember  
the other world in this world  
is to live in your true inheritance.

Now, looking through the slanting  
light  
of the morning window toward  
the mountain presence of everything  
that can be, what urgency calls you to  
your  
one love? What shape  
waits in the seed of you to grow and  
spread  
its branches against a future sky?

Is it waiting  
in the fertile sea? In the trees beyond  
the house?

In the life you can imagine for  
yourself?  
In the open and lovely white page  
on the waiting desk?

~ David Whyte ~

*(The House of Belonging)*





## — THE 2015 RUAH PROGRAMME WAS AN AWAKENING MOMENT —

When I reflect back over the entire experience of the RUAH programme which concluded on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2015, lots of memories, encounters, discoveries, surprises, challenges, and questions come to my mind. When I remember the prayerfully prepared input by Margret Silf in the first week in Galway, I visualize an awakening invitation to move to the edge so as to be present to the needy.



2015 Ruah Participants

When I call to mind the historical sites we visited, I see the path marks of Blessed Edmund Rice and those of Venerable Nano Nagle. The simplicity of the birth places of Edmund and Nano in Callan and Ballygriffin respectively remind me of the unexpected manger in which Jesus was born. As everybody knows, Jesus did not perform any miracle in Nazareth and neither did Edmund and Nano in Callan and Ballygriffin. Their extraordinary activities were performed in Waterford and Cork, the places where they moved to later in their lives to express the mission. Even though they carried out their their missions more than 200 years ago, in these areas and even beyond, the works of their hands are still remarkable and appreciated up to date.

I remember, one day, walking in a small group exploring historical sites of Nano Nagle in Cork, where we came across a drunkard, seated near Nano's first convent. He looked at us and loudly shouted, "Followers of Nano Nagle..." We all looked at each other lugubriously and giggled; then we proceeded with our journey. This encounter has remained in me ever since. I have been pondering what I am currently doing with the people at the edge. The lingering question is: Do I make any impact that may be recognized years later even by a drunkard? The RUAH has also invited me to become a risk taker. Jesus risked his life and so was killed; both Edmund and Nano risked their lives and were very daring. To establish a Christian ministry during the





time of the Penal Laws was very daring for Edmund and Nano. This leaves me with another question, Am I ready to risk my life for the sake of serving the needy? Indeed the 2015 Ruah programme was an awakening moment for my involvement with people at the edge. Lots of questions need to be answered as I now settle back from the programme.

**Simon Kaswahili**

### ———— VISITORS TO BROTHER BEAUSANG ————



Zimele Immersion Group and Students of BBCEC

The past week has seen a number of visitors make the pilgrimage to Brother Beausang to spend time in the school community.

Lisa Grass who is the Christian Service Coordinator at St. Bernard's College Essendon is here during the school break in Australia to do some planning and preparation for a longer visit in Term 3. Two former students from another Melbourne school CRC Melton, Annika Meeson and Bryce Robinson who were part of the CRC immersion in 2013 have returned to spend two weeks volunteering in the school during their university holidays. Lisa, Annika and Bryce are staying with the Brothers community at Olepolos.

Another visitor is Eddie Sheehy and his daughter Triona from Ireland. Eddie is on his 13<sup>th</sup> visit to the school. His connection started back in 2002 when the school was in its early days as a parish project and since then Eddie has raised sponsorship and funds for many students and the different programs in the school and also the local community.





Tom Purcell is another regular visitor to this part of Africa and through his efforts and that of the Zimele Foundation a number of ministries and projects receive support as a result including Brother Beausang. Tom is leading his 7<sup>th</sup> Zimele Immersion and the group spent the early part of last week in the school. Zimele are the sponsors of this week's Beausang / Edmund Rice Sinon exchange in Arusha where the students from the two schools will be involved in a number of activities – debating, basketball, volleyball, netball and of course Australian Rules football.

A group of seventy left on Sunday for the journey to Arusha. All the visitors were present at last Wednesday's school Mass so a group photo with the Arusha bound students was inevitable (see below)!

**Peter Shanahan**

—— **BLACK PANTHERS DEFEND COUNTY CROWN / PRIMARY MUSIC FESTIVAL SUCCESS** ——

On Saturday at the Loitoktok Stadium, the Brother Beausang boys football team successfully defended their Kajiado County crown with a hard fought 1-0 victory over fierce rivals Laiser Hill Academy. This was a reversal of the District final a few weeks ago where Laiser Hill prevailed.

The team came through a tough semi final over the hosts Loitoktok earlier in the day 2-0 thus ensuring their qualification for the 2015 Nairobi Metropolitan Games this week at Machakos. As the 2014 champions, the team understands everyone (especially Upper Hill) will not underestimate them but the squad is well prepared and now looking forward to the challenge.



Students of BBCEC

Also making the trip to Machakos this week will be the primary students who also finished as the top school in the County





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competition, this through their presentation of a Luhya traditional dance. The lower primary (Class 1-3) dancers have already advanced to the nationals in Kisumu with a Scottish dance!!!

**Peter Shanahan**

———— **AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE** ————

I am a postulant who is discerning my vocation in Arusha. Part of our program is to visit the communities and the ministries in the East African District. I had the wonderful opportunity to live in the Otiende community and to work in the Mary Rice Centre. Staying at Mary Rice Centre and giving the best of my ability to the kids, has left me in bewilderment! The Centre caters to the physically challenged autistic, those who are considered useless by some individuals in our society. They are taken care of, shown compassion and provided for with the necessities that they may need.

At the centre of it all, the teachers are ever present to give and offer their skills to these needy kids, despite their limited abilities in learning. And success has emerged as a result of this noble task. I heard the parents share their testimonies regarding the good work being done by the teachers.

Nevertheless, the happiest moment for the kids at Mary Rice centre is when they are exposed to the entertainment and integration activities, by taking part in games with other children who are in regular schools. Life can be seen in the kids during such times. Thanks to the administration for this wonderful initiative.

Mary Rice centre is offering the best it can to support both the parents and their disabled children. I realized this when I first engaged in the home visits to the parents. I wish to offer a word of thanks to the brothers, the donors and people of good will who were part of the foundation of this great project, that heals and gives life to these poor and disabled children of Kibra.

**Alphas Otieno**

———— **PICTURES OF THE WEEK** ————

The Newsletter of Last Week had an article titled **“EDMUND RICE KARIBU KIBERA ACTIVITIES”**. Here are the pictures accompanying that story.

The camp was a joint effort of the local leaders and the Zimele Immersion Group from Australia.





## **BIRTHDAYS IN JULY**

JULY 7	JOHN PAUL OLUOCH STEPHEN WANDABUSI
JULY 16	FRANCIS NKWABI
JULY 26	GERALD MGALULA

## **CALENDAR**

July 5-20	PLT visitation of the District
July 16-17	DLT Review Days
August 9-14	AP Brothers workshop with Br. John Casey (CLT)
August 10-14	PLT meeting
September 4-6	Child Protection Workshop
September 12	Nairobi Cluster meeting
September 19	Arusha Cluster meeting

Many Blessings,

George Massay



