



DISCIPLESHIP



*Not even Jesus found “the ready.”
Jesus called Nathaniel....Nathaniel lacked
openness, Nathaniel wasn’t ready.*

*Jesus called Philip....Philip lacked simplicity.
Philip wasn’t ready*

*Jesus called Simon, the Zealot...Simon lacked
non-violence. Simon wasn’t ready.*

*Jesus called Andrew... Andrew lacked a
sense of risk. Andrew wasn’t ready.*

Jesus called Thomas...Thomas lacked vision. Thomas wasn’t ready.

Jesus called Judas...Judas lacked spiritual maturity. Judas was definitely not ready.

Jesus called Matthew...Matthew lacked a sense of social sin Matthew wasn’t ready.

Jesus called James the Lesser...James lacked awareness. James wasn’t ready.

*Jesus called James and John, the sons of thunder....James and John lacked a sense of
servanthood. James and John were not ready.*

*James called Peter, the Rock....Peter lacked courage. Peter was not ready....
The point, you see, is that Jesus doesn’t call the ready. Jesus calls the willing.*

RONALD ROLHEISER (2014) – “Sacred Fire” - Image NY

*When one reaches the highest degree of human maturity, one has only one question left:
How can I be helpful?*

—TERESA OF ÁVILA

PRAYERS REQUESTED

For the repose of the soul of George Omondi, step brother of Fred Otieno. May he rest in peace. Amen





ANNUALLY PROFESSED BROTHERS WORKSHOP UNDERWAY



John Casey (middle) with the East African annually professed brothers

Brothers who are of annual profession are taking part in a weeklong workshop at Mary Ward Centre, facilitated by Br John Casey (CLT).

The topic of the workshop is *Collaborative Leadership in Community*. The Brothers chose this topic themselves. The week will also be an opportunity to spend time together and deepen the bonds of brotherhood among the group.

The gathering brings together Brothers who are in ministry from Tanzania, Kenya and South Sudan. A number of the Brothers are undergoing their tertiary education in Nairobi and Eldoret.

The week has begun well; there is lots of energy and enthusiasm around the place. The first task of this week is to form community, by getting to know each other a bit more. Watch this space next week for further information about the workshop.

George Massay

TERRIFIC TIME IN TAMALE – GHANA

Last week I returned from a very happy 12 days with the novitiate community in Tamale. Each year we try to have a DLT visit to each novitiate, and I was asked to come and do some teaching on Edmund





Rice. Martin Binyenya seemed to remember me teaching this topic in 2005, and thought it was good enough to give to this group also! I certainly enjoyed the chance to refresh my knowledge of Edmund's life and to delve again into the interesting questions thrown up by recent research on him.

I found a very energetic, welcoming and open group of novices. There is a very positive and receptive spirit in the group. Unfortunately Milton Lawrence was not around - he was in the UK doing some work at the institute where he did his sabbatical, and only returned on the day I left. However, Martin and Vince Duggan (the other mzungu in the photo) were very hospitable.

I found the Choggu community growing in numbers - it now includes Paul Luseni as Principal of Kanvili and CL, Eric (a Ghanaian), Patrick Nuanah (also Ghanaian, just back from his study in the USA), Emmanuel and Christian Hazeley (both from Sierra Leone).



You can see our EAD novices in the photo - Melkizedeck (3rd from l.), Isaac (4th), Edwin (9th - the tallest!), Allan (3rd from r.), Kelvin (2nd from r.). I hope that you can find Martin and me.

Tony Shanahan

—————“**FARE THEE WELL**”—————



L-R Francis Nkwabi and Julius Oluoch

About 30 Brothers in Nairobi gathered at Mary Ward Centre to farewell Julius Oluoch who is soon heading to Loreto House in Ireland to attend training in religious formation ministry. Julius joins some renowned alumni of the Loreto program who have ministered in our formation houses in Africa.





We also had an opportunity to farewell Francis Nkwabi, former Headmaster of Edmund Rice, who is going to further his education at the Fordham University in New York.



Brothers during the prayer ritual to farewell Francis and Julias

We wish these two brothers well in their studies, and we look forward to welcoming them back in the District after their period of studies abroad.

George Massay

———— BROTHER BEAUSANG DEBUT AT THE NATIONAL PRIMARY MUSIC FESTIVAL ————

Last week Brother Beausang was part of the national music festival held in Kisumu. The primary pupils presented two items - a Scottish dance and an Iteso dance. We are very pleased to report that both items did well.

The Scottish dance scored 86 marks from the judges and was ranked position 6 out of 34 entries in that category (the winning performance scored 89 points). This was a big achievement given that it was the first attempt in the category. In the zonal to regional competitions, they were in a league of their own and they were so good at what they were doing that they were given a direct entry to the nationals. The





other important point is that most of the children involved were from the lower primary – Class 2 and 3 and were competing against much older pupils.



Teacher Winnie with her Scottish dancers

The Iteso dance was placed number 7 in its category scoring 80 points and was well received by both the audience and judges, so well done to all involved.

The trainers attributed their success to the discipline they instilled in the pupils and the power of technology. They were able to get the Scottish dance styles from YouTube and then adapted the choreography, designs and costumes to the Kenyan theme of dancing which the pupils were able to learn very quickly, thanks to their enthusiasm and self discipline.

The Lower Primary Coordinator Teacher Winnie has observed that the majority of those who participated in the dance and other items have also shown tremendous academic improvement due to the active learning and positive attitude of the pupils and the teachers involved.

Mercilinus Ounde
Development Officer

———— NOTICE ————

Brothers in Nairobi are invited for the farewell dinner for our brothers Philip Kwena, Lawrence Agalo and Sammy Munyua as they head-off to Zambia for the orientation program prior to joining the new clusters of communities in Zambia.

The dinner will be at South C Community on Sunday 30th August at 5:00pm.

RSVP George Massay for catering purposes.





REMAINING BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

AUGUST 17 NICHOLAS ODHIAMBO (Otiende)
18 CONSTANTINE SUNDAY (Eldoret)

CALENDAR

August 9-14 AP Brothers workshop with Br. John Casey (CLT)
August 10-14 PLT meeting

August 30 Send-off dinner at South C for Sammy, Philip and Lawrence

September 4-6 Child Protection Workshop
September 12 Nairobi Cluster meeting
September 19 Arusha Cluster meeting

October 2-3 CLs meeting
October 11-13 ERMEA meeting
October 14 DLT meeting
October 16-18 Annually professed workshop
October 20 Mashujaa Day
October 21 DLT meeting
October 23-24 Formation Committee (Nairobi)

October 28-30 DLT, PLT and CLT meeting in Lusaka

November 28 First profession Lusaka

November 23-27 PLT meeting in Lusaka

December 11-14 Reception of the newly professed and assembly
December 12 Jamhuri Day

Many Blessings,

George Massay

