



### — TRUST IN THE SLOW WORK OF GOD —



"Above all, trust in the slow work of God.  
We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay.

We should like to skip the intermediate stages.  
We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.  
And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability—and that it may take a very long

time.

And so I think it is with you;  
your ideas mature gradually—let them grow,  
let them shape themselves, without undue haste.

Don't try to force them on,  
as though you could be today what time  
(that is to say, grace and circumstances  
acting on your own good will)  
will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit  
gradually forming within you will be.  
Give Our Lord the benefit of believing  
that his hand is leading you,  
and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself  
in suspense and incomplete."

--Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ (1881-1955)





———— **SEND-OFF CEREMONY FOR  
SAMMY, PHILIP AND LAWRENCE** ————



L-R Philip Ombucha, Sammy Munyua and Lawrence Agalo

Nearly 30 brothers and our co-workers gathered at Otiende community on Sunday evening to farewell and wish Sammy, Philip and Lawrence many blessings as they begin the orientation program towards joining the new clusters of community in Zambia.

The 14-week program will begin this coming weekend at International Spirituality Centre in Lusaka. This program culminates more than two years of preparations and reflections towards what is now known



Praying God's blessings on Philip, Sammy and Lawrence

amongst us as *Our Way Into the Future.*

Together with Sammy, Philip and Lawrence there will be other brothers and novices in Lusaka who will join the

orientation





program. We wish all these brothers many blessings as they embark on this important journey in our Congregation history.

Special thanks to the Otiende community for hosting the event.

**George Massay**

———— **CORNEL MWIRU MOVES TO ISC - LUSAKA** ————

Last week there was a type of ‘private farewell’ for Cornel involving South C and Embulbul communities. Cornel moves to Lusaka to take on his appointment as the Director of the International Spirituality Centre.

With Cornel’s departure date delayed and uncertain till he could get his new passport, we weren’t sure when Cornel would be back in Nairobi and how we could say goodbye.

The group that gathered last Thursday for a meal to celebrate Cornel’s new appointment was small, but the spirit was strong and it was a joyful farewell.

We wish Cornel many blessings as he takes up this significant Province appointment.

**George Massay**

———— **NEW MINISTRY GROUND IN SHAMS** ————



Cylus Juma at the Plaster House

Early in the month of July, the formation team in Arusha discovered a new ministry site at Ngaramtoni in which we Postulants can volunteer. We are able to minister in a temporary home (Plaster House) for young children with disabilities (e.g. children with hare-lip and other physical disabilities, who are awaiting an operation.) The centre is





administered by an Australian, Mrs Sarah, who works in conjunction with the Lutheran hospital, from whom the ministry receives some funding along with help and aid from other charitable groups.



Alphonse teaching English to the children

Every Wednesday, after sharing with the children in English classes and seeing their positive response to our presence, it dawns on us that we are sharing Eucharist with them. It is such a great opportunity to be with these children, who, united by their disabilities, form a joyful family into which we feel welcomed.

## JUMA & ALPHONCE

### TRAINING FOR TRANSFORMATION IN TAMALE

Greetings from Tamale.

For the past two weeks we were privileged to have Brs. Paul and Sunday here to facilitate us in a workshop on Training For Transformation (TFT). Apart from the Christian Brothers novices, the workshop was attended by one novice from the Presentation Brothers and ten pre-novices from the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (FMM).

The workshop was both educative and challenging. It was fun too with the icebreakers that always brought out the child in us and refreshed us.

Apart from engaging ourselves in the classroom work, we also went





out to do a mini-listening survey in various places e.g market place, Pito bar and Sheer Butter local company.



Cross-section of the TFT participants in Tamale

After the workshop I felt my expectations were met and the challenge now remains on my part to try and internalise most if not all that I picked from the workshop.

**Melkizedeck Musamia**

———— **A WEEK OF VISITORS AT EDMUND RICE SINON  
SECONDARY SCHOOL** ————



Githenji, Fiona, Simon and Clem at Edmund Rice Sinon Secondary School

Have you ever been visited by various visitors from Monday to Sunday? If not you may probably need to come to Edmund Rice Sinon Secondary School where we were privileged to receive many visitors throughout the week. The privilege was opened by Brs. Shane Wood and Amandi

Mboya who visited the





school early this week to establish compliance on ERFA (Edmund Rice Foundation Australia) policies. Their presence was not only supportive and encouraging but also challenging.



Br Shane Wood signing a visitors book

In the end, their departure left a door open for other visitors. Fiona Dowling who was accompanied by Br. Gerard Ellul arrived to school on Saturday. Fiona who is the Development Funding Manager of ERD had an opportunity to tour the school premise in order to witness some physical developments that were sponsored by ERD (Edmund Rice Development). She was impressed by the efforts made by the school to realize self-sustainability. The maize that was being harvested on the very day and the promising school green house were

among the viable projects that impressed Fiona the most.



Githenji, Vivian and Jane

The following Sunday, two more visitors arrived. Vivian, the director of St. Constatine and Jane Butler, a long time friend of the Brothers, also





working at St. Constatine visited the school. Vivian and Jane developed special interests in our buildings particularly on the rough finishing of classroom walls. They also encouraged our school to form a union with theirs particularly on games and sports. We now pray for more visitors as visitors are a blessing.

**Simon Kaswahili**

### **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

08	AMANDI MBOYA (Sth C)
12	BILL DOWLING (Sinon)
14	PHILIP OMBUCHA (Lusaka)
18	CORNEL MWIRU (Lusaka)
18	SILVERIO WAFULA (Eldoret)
24	FRANK O'SHEA (Balozi)
24	GEORGE MASSAY (Sth C)
25	PASCAL KITUKU (Yambio)
27	ALLAN SHUNZA (First year novice Tamale)
29	NICODEMUS OKUKU (Balozi)

### **CALENDAR**

September 4-6	Child Protection Workshop
September 12	Nairobi Cluster meeting
September 19	Arusha Cluster meeting
October 2-3	CL's meeting
October 4-6	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 21	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

