



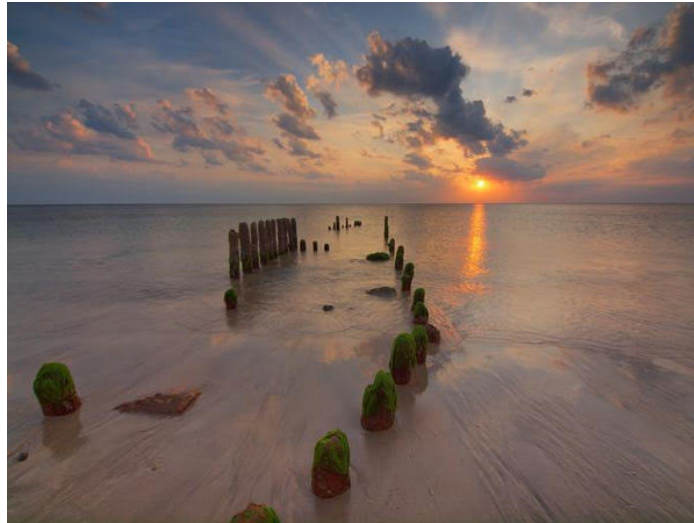
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———— A SONG WITH NO END ————



When Whitman wrote,
"I sing the body electric"

I know what he
meant
I know what he
wanted:

to be completely alive every moment
in spite of the inevitable.

we can't cheat death but we can make it
work so hard
that when it does take
us

it will have known a victory just as
perfect as
ours.

~ Charles Bukowski ~



Chapter 2014



PRAYER REQUESTED

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Sarah Wanjiku Mithamo, and for the consolation of her family. Sarah was a former employee of Ruben Centre. She succumbed to cancer after a very brave fight filled with hope. She worked at Ruben Centre for 11 years. As Ruben Centre wrote on their facebook page, "You've left a legacy of true meaning of dedication". She will be greatly missed. RIP Sarah.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING WITH EDMUND RICE CAMP LEADERS - ELDORET



Respect for one's cultural norms and values are important, just as are respect for children's rights and freedom from any form of abuse. This was made clear to more than thirty young men and women who met in a workshop on Child Protection Policy facilitated

by Brother Amandi Mboya assisted by Br Constantine Sunday. The workshop was held on Saturday, the 27th of February, in Eldoret, Kenya.

The workshop also helped these young men and women to see beyond children rights but also their own safety as they interact with children during camp days. Both theory and practical examples were used during facilitation, as some young men and women were open to share their lived experiences, which enriched the presentation and made it real in their lives.

Paul Mutuku and Elly Sakwa

TEN YOUNG MEN SET OFF ON A NEW JOURNEY

The 27th of February was initiation day for ten novices at the Edmund Rice House Novitiate in Lusaka. There were five young men from Kenya and another five young men from Zambia.





New novices and formation team members in Lusaka

The day was full of joy as we moved one step ahead. A step that we hope will enrich us and help us know ourselves better. Besides, it was a day of blessing and receiving the Word. A day full of sharing and encouragement from brothers and sisters, both from the community and outside. We pray that the good Lord who started this good work in us may accomplish it. We request your prayers.

Alphonse Oroche

———— VOCATION PROMOTION ————



Br Daniel Kyalo speaking to students at Asumbi Teachers College about Vocation to CB Life

Hopefully Chris and Daniel will have time over the week to say something personal about their trip to Kisii and Homa Bay. All I know is that it was a blessed promotion journey. I set a challenging time table with contacts here and there. They followed it, no deviations!!

The results were awesome. They managed all that I had arranged and more. Providence was working overtime. I have received text messages from YCS chairs of the various colleges visited with very thanks for the great inputs





and answering of questions. Can anyone dare to follow in their footsteps?

PETER COLE

———— **MARY RICE CHILDREN FUN-DAY**
AT BROTHER BEAUSANG SCHOOL ————



Children of Mary Rice Centre having fun

At last, the long awaited fun day had arrived. Since the time we had received the invitation from Brother Beausang, we had been wondering how the day would be and indeed it turned out to be one of a kind. We arrived at Brother Beausang at 9:00 am. We were 7 staff members from Mary Rice and 16 children. One could already read the mood and the excitement from the children's face. We were welcomed with a cup of tea, introduced to the rest of the staff and later taken round the school to see all the activities there.

Later we went to the field outside the school where the event would take place. The colourful PE-kits made the whole thing exciting. The music was truly enjoyed by many and we could see children and their teachers dancing and swinging their hips and wiggling their legs. They were dancing to the tune and singing along, and our own staff teacher Naomi joined right in! The activities were many. They included filling and emptying, racing, balancing, tug of war and many others. Our children participated well and conducted themselves well. It was a day well spent both for the parents, staff and the children.

Jasmine Jerusa

———— **WEEKEND AT EMBULBUL** ————

Next weekend, if all goes well, we will have six former "come and sees" lining up for interviews and some English writing responses. It will be





a time for them to get to know each other and to discover more deeply the desire that they have remarkably sustained over the past couple of years. We hope that another six will line up the following weekend. We trust some will venture forth to Shams on June 1.

PETER COLE

———— **ARUSHA BROTHERS MEET
TO PLAN SOMETHING NEW** ————



L-R George Massay, Wycliffe Maisiba, John Paul, Bill Dowling, Kevin Delaney, Clem Barret, Gerald Ellul, missing Simon Kaswahili

A community of Christian Brothers in Arusha had their first meeting to brainstorm ideas of possible ministry outreach in Arusha or its environs in which the Brothers could be involved in the near future. Brothers have been involved in formal education at Edmund Rice Sion Secondary School for over 28 years, a ministry which has flourished in every way. Similarly formation was another ministry in which Brothers have been involved in Arusha. Now, as Brothers explore ways of responding to Chapter calls, we are asking ourselves questions about what are the needs that are not yet met.

Brother John Paul Oluoch, who will soon graduate from Catholic University will spearhead this search using his acquired skills in community engagement.

We thank the Brothers in Arusha for some very brilliant thoughts expressed. We trust in providence as we dream about the future.

George Massay

Birthdays in February

MARCH	23	JOHN NYAMBA (Luampa, Zambia)
	26	BILL COLFORD (Eldoret)
	30	PETER SHANAHAN





30 EDWARD MASINDE (Limulunga, Zambia)
31 SIMON PETER ODONGO (Yambio)

March

6-15 Gone Fishing
11 Formation Committee Meeting
20-22 ERMEA meeting
23 DLT Meeting
18-20 Child Protection Training Workshop
25 Good Friday
27 Easter Sunday

April

2 Cluster Meeting Nairobi
9 Cluster Meeting Arusha
29 ERN celebration for Edmund Rice Day
29-30 Community Leaders Meeting

Many blessings

George Massay

