



———— SUFFERING, FEAR, ANGER, HATRED... ————



"We are aware that there is a tremendous amount of suffering going on. There is shock; there is fear, anger, hatred and sadness, in ourselves and in the world.

In this moment we invoke all our spiritual teachers to be with us, helping to embrace our suffering, to embrace the world, and to embrace humanity as a family.

There are those of us trying to save, heal and support, and we are grateful to them. There are those of us who are crying, who are suffering terribly in this very moment. Let us breathe for all of them and embrace them tenderly with our compassion, our understanding, and our peace.

We know that responding to hatred and violence with compassion is the only path for all of us."

- Thich Nhat Hanh, speaking after the attacks on September 11, 2001.

———— PRAYERS REQUESTED ————

We pray for the people of South Sudan, and indeed many people around the world who are suffering as a result of senseless violence. We pray that peace prevails in our World.





MISSION FINANCIAL MANUAL ROLL-OUT

Last week the Province Mission Finance Manual was meticulously studied by the ministry leaders and key personnel who are responsible with financial administration in our ministries. Brs Mick Podbury and Vincent Mallya did extremely well in leading the participants to understand the intricate procedures and processes which maintain accountability and transparency in financial matters.



Chart of Good Financial Management



Br Mick Podbury presenting during a session

Recipients of donor funds are being called upon to be more accountable than ever before for how they plan and utilize their resources.

The positive response and interactions that took place during the workshop were a clear indication that the ministries of East Africa District are willing to adopt and adhere to all requirements for full accountability.

Special thanks to Brs Vincent Mallya and Mick Podbury for facilitating such a successful workshop.

George Massay

METANOIA MATTERS

During the workshop, Anthony Ryan of Edmund Rice Foundation Australia (ERFA) introduced a website named Metanoia Matters (<http://www.metanoiamatters.org>). Metanoia is the Greek word for 'a change of heart'. This website will create a unique opportunity for people in Australia with various expertise and skills to extend their assistance to our ministries here by offering their professional services





via Skype. Through the Metanoia Matters Website our ministries will be able to receive the much-needed assistance which could not be easily found locally.



Ester Ndung'u, a physiotherapist consults with other physiotherapists in Australia through the skype link. Anthony Ryan observes a child walking

Before the workshop, Anthony Ryan had organised with Br Gerald Mgalula, the ministry leader at the Mary Rice Centre, to have three children present to create a demonstration of how the website will be able to be used. The group witnessed a live session in which Ester Ndung'u, a physiotherapist at the Mary Rice Centre, was able to consult with two other professionals in the same field to offer help to the three children who have various physical challenges.

Anthony Ryan emphasised that the greatest risk to the ongoing success of Metanoia Matters will be a lack of response from people in ministry here and in other parts of the Congregation such as East Timor and the Philippines. It is hoped that the website will be launched sometime in August.

George Massay

———— EDMUND RICE ACTIVITIES, ARUSHA ————

The fourth Edmund Rice Activities received thirty-nine children. This was fewer in number to the previous one because of the cold. However, those who did come were looking jovial and lively





with each other and in their participation. They were very active and learnt new skills for the games. The challenge we had was that the leaders who were invited were few in number. All in all, it went well. Perhaps the fewer leaders meant that they were able to get more fully involved and to show how lively they could be with the children. As usual the children enjoyed some biscuits and juice at the end of their games. We were happy to see the kids roaring with joy!

Calvine Odera

EDMUND RICE KARIBU, HALF-DAY CAMP ACTIVITY

Our half-day activity emphasizes more communication between leaders and children which entails small group sharing and artistic responses. Activities took place at the old Mary Rice Centre with 48 children and almost as many leaders. A passing-by observer from the nearby estate remarked on what immediately attracted him- the smile on every child's face



Children and camp leader interacting

Br. Peter Cole

PICTURES OF THE WEEK



Participant of the mini Gone-Fishing Program L-R Emily Faller, Tony Coates, Anthony Ryan and Simon Lockyer of ERFA





Visitors from Australia L-R Bev Watkinson, Anthony Ryan, Frank FitzGerald and Peter Hogan at Mary Ward Nairobi during the presentation of Metanoia Matters Website



L-R Sammy Munyua, Cornel Mwiru, Paul Follas, Joe Lauren and Daniel Lyimo enjoying meal and brotherhood at Keating House – Lusaka on July 6.

REMAINING BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

July 26 GERALD MGALULA (Otiende)





CALENDAR

JULY 20-21	DLT Review and business meeting
JULY 27	DLT Meeting
AUGUST 7-19	Come and See Program
AUGUST 15-19	PLT Meeting (Lusaka)
AUGUST 24	DLT Meeting
SEPTEMBER 4-11	Congregation Formation Summit (Lusaka)
SEPTEMBER 14	DLT Meeting
SEPTEMBER 16-18	Child Protection Training Workshop
SEPTEMBER 28	DLT Meeting
OCTOBER 1	Cluster Meeting – Nairobi
OCTOBER 8	Cluster meeting – Arusha
OCTOBER 10-12	Formation Committee Meeting
OCTOBER 12	DLT Meeting
OCTOBER 14-16	AP Workshop - Arusha
OCTOBER 26	DLT Meeting
OCTOBER 28-29	Community Leaders Meeting

Many blessings

George

