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Andrew Schwartz – Moral Climate Change

“Environmental and ecological concerns present many of the greatest moral questions of this era. Environmental degradation and climate change are inextricably bound to people’s ability to safely access food and water..”

“We refuse to recognize our complicity in the systems that lead to man-made climate change and environmental degradation. We fail to acknowledge our own complicity in these systems of climate change and environmental degradation, and if we do, we often acquiesce to the systems that exist rather than exercising the agency we possess to change the status quo.”

WEST AFRICA DISTRICT NEWS LETTER

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Hello and welcome to our September, 2013 edition of the West Africa District News – Wan-Pot. The newsletter that brings you a wide variety of happens in the district and conveys a true picture of what is happening on the ground.

We heartily welcome all Brothers and project workers from their well-deserved holidays. If not all, most schools in Sierra Leone and Liberia have re-opened for the 2013/2014 academic year; which implies that all Brothers who are involved in teaching or school ministry have returned to their respective ministry sites, refreshed and full of energy.

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DISTRICT EDMUND RICE ADVOCACY CORNER

HUMAN RIGHTS AND ADVOCACY WORKSHOP – LUSAKA, ZAMBIA 8th – 13th September, 2013.

Personal Feedback

Joseph Cyril Dauda Jnr.

I have had the chance of attending workshops on Human Rights and Advocacy in the past, but attending this particular one was a complete privilege. The opportunity of having international facilitators with varying experiences and backgrounds; (Brian-Australian and from the Edmund Rice International in Geneva and Johnston- Kenyan, from the Edmund Rich Network in East Africa). The composition of the participants, been drawn from different parts of Africa, the honor of listening to their stories and identifying with some of them and learning from their sharing how they engage with key players and the strategies and approaches they employed in handling issues of Human Rights and Advocacy was immensely incredible for me.

The relevance of the materials, the appropriateness to the situation where I am coming from and the method of presentation made overwhelming difference. Complex concepts like the Universal Periodic Review, Right Base Approach in Advocacy, Resource Mobilization, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other United Nations mechanism were properly explained in a participatory and friendly atmosphere. The little group discussions and tasks that we were given, actually helped me to gain a lot more. Another very important topic that I came understand thorough consideration and was extensively exhausted was: Charity/Service vs Justice/Advocacy. Often when we engage with people either at communities or ministry sites, we project one strongly to the neglect of the other, which is sometimes not the right approach. We most time pay so much attention to trying to solve the problems, which is not entirely wrong, and bother little about asking the relevant questions as to what is responsible for the persistence of the problem we attempt to devote all our time and energy trying to solve. This workshop actually accorded me the opportunity of knowing that the two complement each other, they are supposed to be a 'two-feet' approach, and they go side-by-side. As we strive to meet the urgent needs of the people, we also have to ask the right questions as a way of breaking down the corrupt systems and structures that oppress, suppress and dehumanize the people. As matter of fact, the latter is more sustainable.

Enormous benefits have been derived from this workshop as far as I am concern. I returned home feeling appease with myself realizing how much expertise I drew from the sessions we had in the big group and in the discussion groups. I now clearly recognize the importance of not taking up Human Rights and Advocacy issues as an individual in isolation; it's the era of collaboration and partnering with other individuals or groups or groups of individuals and Non – Governmental Organizations. Never mind finance is an integral part of the advocacy process; we don't need huge sums in order to get started, with passion and the right attitude things will fall in place at the right time. We can begin with the available resources.

Finally, I will like to recommend that such workshops be held on regular basis (Cognizance of the costs involved). This will help capacitate the participants involved and they in turn will train others in their respective districts/countries (Thereby cutting down on cost). Many thanks to the Edmund Rice Network for their thoughtfulness and the funding partners for their generosity. In a nutshell, the travel by land, sea and air was worth it.

A full report of the entire workshop and our recommendations has been sent through to the District Leadership Team for their attention.

FORMATION AND MUCH MORE –Br. Noel Bradshaw

Greetings to all our readers, this time from Makonde Community, where there are presently 4 brothers, Emmanuel, Cyril, Hazley and yours truly making up the numbers. In the formation area, this is the season of evaluations, self and community, accompanied by the application for renewal of vows by our temporary professed brothers in the district. Not an easy task when we consider all that is going on at this time of year in communities, new communities being formed as transfers are completed and perhaps new ministries or new responsibilities within and outside communities. In the midst of all this we try to keep focus, and perhaps this time of evaluation can be a vital part of this whole process. Any business or institution that does not do regular evaluation is likely to go bankrupt, or at least lose impetus, and so it is with us. In the last communiqué from myself and later from Chris we were made aware of the need for deadline dates, being human and busy people, we all acknowledge that if the business and life of the district is to progress we must work within these hated deadlines. DLT have meetings coming in October, and need time to read and reflect, due justice to your sincere efforts, so we will be in an appropriate position to respond truthfully. So we are at or perhaps beyond the sending date by the time Cyril and Paul coordinate and assemble in print all the community entries from the district. So DLT thank you all individually and communally for your usual cooperation in this most important district commitment.

As mentioned, I am presently in the community here at Makonde, and due to circumstances, will not be in position to acknowledge your responses, but other DLT brothers will do so, and do all necessary communication as neither internet nor mobile systems seem to work here as some would already know. So please do not be disappointed if you are not receiving immediate communication or indeed any communication at times. Makonde is unusual to say the least, or perhaps it is just coming from my comfort zone of Tengbeh Town that makes it appear so. No doubt some communities experience the same constraints in communication and lack of electricity on a 24/7 basis. I had forgotten what it was like since my Makeni and Blama days. APC Agenda for Prosperity has not reached Makonde yet!! And this with a stone's throw of the second highest educational institute in Sierra Leone. Coupled with the above the community are without any water and/or sanitation system, presently relying on the rains which will last for perhaps another 2-3 weeks. What then? Then the laborious task of hauling water from a swamp about 500 yards away begins for the next 8 months. As this swamp is shared by the local community it too runs dry or almost, just producing dark-muddy and contaminated water which gives rise to rashes among the community brothers. No cholera out breaks reported yet, though very prevalent in the country. Hopefully I will long since be gone by then!! But our 3 brothers will live on or should I say survive if lucky, and maybe a 4th unfortunate if we can find a volunteer?

This was a local parish priest's house, Irish Spiritan's, so just one bedroom and one sitting room which are normal space wise. All other so – called bedrooms are makeshift offices and storerooms, no light of course, at all. At that time there was 24 hour power in the good old days, so now the brothers exist, I think that is the

correct word, in small dark cubby holes, just enough space for a bed, and table. The simple reason being that all light is blocked off by other cubby holes outside, now serving as kitchen and community chapel and needless large conservatory. The brothers are well aware that with some imaginary reconstruction this whole situation could be easily. But the perennial financial constraints..... So with men involved in the school ministry this is a really trying experience and certainly this unnatural community-home situation it also impinges on community life, in all areas. Toilets and wash areas are the same, dark places, where one would want to watch their footing negotiating their way around buckets and barrels, at the risk of slipping and breaking their neck or a limb. So far so good, God's protection. Prayer has to be done with a combination of strategically placed led-lights and candles if in the office-chapel-cell, or weather permitting outside. Due to community budget restrictions, the generator comes on after prayer, 7.30 evening only till 10.30 pm when we charge all communication and household appliances and accoutrements. I am occupying the main bedroom, The Presidential Suite, without the suite, so make sure you are a community leader or member of the DLT if you are coming here for any length of time.

A parallel would perhaps be a monastic cell, minimal furnishings, no temptations within miles, a real desert experience if one is looking for that. Fine for Carthusians and Trappists who possess that charisma and spirituality. Great too for any devotee of creation spirituality, universe story, eco-systems etc. miles of natural setting, no distractions beyond a few farmers tilling mother earth. You will even learn to chop the wood for the fire, cook African dishes for the Sunday lunch (Emma's day off) and wash your clothes at the swamp should you want to add to the curriculum. A knowledge of oral Mende and Temne will be added dividends. Another useful comparison would be a prison cell, same idea. Maybe that is why I am here doing penance for my sins or crimes. But then I am occupying the luxurious apartment. Still I will be recommending the idea to the DLT, that any brother guilty of any crime be banished to Makonde as a form of imprisonment and punishment. Even the threat may be deterrent enough!! This can be accompanied by some hard labour of brushing and slashing to keep the jungle and snakes at bay. Emma, the cook and Francis the house boy/man make up the community.

Hope springs eternal, and since I came we the community have seriously engaged with Pious our PMO and with ERFA in putting together a proposal or project for a water and sanitation system for the school population and local community which will hopefully include the brothers community. We are reliably informed that the wells from which the water will spring cannot be dug till the dries in March-April to ensure adequate depth. This poor timing has already resulted in two failed attempts, prior to the brothers' arrival, perhaps lack of adequate funds also produced this failure, so we must suffer on till the dry season, one more year of hauling swamp water and bucket baths in the dark. Anyway the proposal has been submitted to our project office for approval. Local experts here in Makonde have done all the projections and feasibility studies with Emmanuel and Hazley, while Cyril and myself have done the written work in our best Oxford English. Now over to Pious and the project office team do put the project terminology and finishing touches etc. Fingers crossed then that it will satisfy the criteria for ERFA for funding. Pious, if you fail us you will sleep in the dungeon when you visit here. That might well

be the greatest need fulfilled for the school population here of over 1,000 beneficiaries as the continual disruption to classes can finally stop. For the house, now that the community have suffered for one whole year, it is time to kiss good-bye to any MOU's and get real about the necessary structural changes that will provide just simple basic living conditions. District and province owe that to the present and future communities in Makonde. Jokes aside this is serious if one to live here on a daily basis. But we will do that too as a matter of urgency, relying on God's providence and our own efforts.

The Community of Emmanuel, Cyril and Hazley have made huge strides in integrating themselves in the school and local community. They have integrated myself also, showing me the ropes, introducing me to all the stakeholders in the school community. For many I did not need any introduction, as I met many former friends and acquaintance from all over the country, former pupils and students from schools and colleges/universities etc. So within an hour of my arrival the bush telegraph was doing overtime, so all in Makonde knew who the new Pumii was. Since then in all my interactions around, I have come to know the brothers are held in the highest regard, and though we may not have got everything right, people here forgive and readily appreciate genuine efforts of support however small. Not just school at all, but a huge visitation ministry is in action by the community, so all the population of Makonde appreciate the presence of The Brothers. Welcome to Makonde!! Noel.

**The Nine is Mine Campaign
Br. Patrick Naunah, Iona College**

It's my pleasure to bring you warm greetings from Iona College. Where students, faculty, staff and everyone connected to the Ionian dream is working hard to move the world. The academic year started in full swing a month ago, keeping the campus busy once again.

My highlight of the activities so far this Semester has been the visit of children from India called "Nine is mine." This group is very active in India as I learned, and they wish to be a strong voice, advocating for the rights of Indian children and for all children around the world.

India is one of the fastest growing economies in the world. These children feel the current economic status of the country is not well reflected. They feel left out in the equation. The "Nine is Mine" was coined from what the Indian government promised in their budgetary allocation, 6% for education and 3% for health. And so, 6+3=9. To these children, the most important needs for them and their families are education and health which the government promised to deliver, but are not doing so. It is said that, of the four hundred million children in India, 40% (between ages 6 to 14) who have the right to education are out of school. As future leaders children want to claim their rights.(to quality education and good health)

The "Nine is mine" campaign group has been the guest at Iona College while attending the UN general Assembly here in New York, with Brother Steve Rocha cfc, their liaison person. They wanted their voices to be heard by the world leaders as they met to discuss world issues. As they echoed, "We want a world that makes real our right to speak and to be heard, to basic health care, to quality and complete education, to be protected, to promise being kept and delivered." These were some of the messages echoing from these children. The children were very impressive, very polished with powerful voices. Some of them were physically challenged, hearing impaired, and from varied family and community backgrounds.

Steve Rocha, who is also part of the Edmund Rice International, said that as a Congregation, "We are at a historic juncture both as a congregation in the Church and the entire world". We are trying to respond to the cry of the earth and its people with justice and advocacy. He added that the story of Edmund is still relevant today as people continue to face discrimination and injustices in many parts of the world. Jesus went against some of those corrupt systems in his time, without counting the cost. Edmund did the same. "We must reclaim the dangerous memories of Jesus and Edmund" to challenge those structures that exist to keep the majority poor forever.

I for one, I see these children (Nine is mine) making a head way, and as heroes at their level of commitment to pushing the world to listen to their voices as children of the planet. Let us support them with our voices too. Let us understand their language and the tone that comes from them. For, "the world fit for children, is the world fit for all".



Patrick (left) and Stembridge (right) with Raka in a wheelchair, member of Nine is mine.



Br. Steve Rocha.

bought a new set of chairs and table for our setting room. This is done to make our community a home. We express our profound thanks and appreciation to the District Leadership Team (DLT) for the support given to us.



Newly Sprayed Community Vehicle

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE -WAD

Updates from the Development Office

Our men in the development office are presently up and about the world putting things together and having other things done. Mr. David Yambasu down in Holland and Br. Pious Conteh in Liberia; they should all be in by the 10th September, 2013. We wish them the best in their developmental endeavors.



Community Air Condition Installation Project

COMMUNITIES IN BREIF

CHOGGU COMMUNITY

A lot has happened in our community during the month of September; to start with our community has sprayed the vehicle to gray. I must say it looks like a new vehicle. It is one of the long serving cars in our district. It is good care that keeps it moving, thanks to our two drivers.

The hot weather in Tamale sometimes can make the Tamale mission challenging for us the brothers here and some of our visitor. It is in the direction that great assistance from the District Leadership Team (DLT) the community has been blessed with an AC in the sitting room to keep us a bit cool especially during the heat period which has huge potential hazard to our health. This will make life better for us and our visitor during the hot season in Tamale. To our visitors we say welcome during the hot season we have found the solution for the heat. Our community has also



View of the Choggu Community Sitting Room

School has opened for the academic year 2013/2014. Both the staff and the pupils are ready to learn from each other. However some development has taken place in the school compound. It was on the 19th. of September when, his Grace Most Rev. bishop Philip Naameh Archbishop of Tamale officially blessed and opened two classroom and an administrative block respectively at the Kanvilli school complex. During the occasion he told the staff and pupils to make good use of the buildings given to school. He also thanked us (Christian Brothers) for our contributions to the Archdiocese. Other personalities at present the occasion were the Catholic Education head unit Mr. Philip Issahaku and some special representatives from chief of Kanvilli. Other head - teachers were present to grace the programme .Mr. Issahaku spoke in the native language to the chief representatives and other elders of the village, he explained the importance of the Bothers presence in education and other aspect of the lives of the people in Tamale. The head of the chief's representatives thanked the brothers for the huge transformation of the Kanvilli complex school. He also asked the brothers to extend the school to high school. Br. Andrew, the head-teacher of the school used this time to thank the donor for the support given to us in transforming the school. This two class room will enable the pupils to have good learning environment. It will help us run two streams at the junior high school section. The administrative block will help in the administrative work of the school.



Newly constructed two Classroom and Administrative Block

On the vocation side, we want to welcome Eric to our community. Eric is here for "Come and See". Eric is from western Region in Ghana, Sefwi Wiawso diocese. He has come to see the life of the brothers at a close hand. He is joining us for ministry, and community prayer. Eric will spend some time with us at the end of his stay some recommendations will be made to the vacation team. Let us all remember Eric in our prayer as he search for God in the religious life.

BLAMA COMMUNITY

Warm greetings from Blama Community, there are really not much to write home about in the Blama community. That

notwithstanding however, all Brothers in the community are fine and in good shape and the community evaluation process was a huge community success. Br. Andrew Koroma, one time community leader of Blama community travelled down to Blama for that purpose. Thanks to Br. Martin Vamboi for facilitating this all important process.

Schools at Blama have re-opened. All three Brothers in the community are back to their respective ministry sites refreshed and energized.

YENGEMA COMMUNITY

Greetings to all from Yengema community, it's a new community all together with two new Brothers - Andrew Koroma and Patrick Boima. Andrew wa at Blama community and has been moved to Yengema as our new Community Leader at the completion of his studies at the Eastern Polytechnic, Kenema. Patrick was in Gbarnga and has now been transferred to Yengema. They are both settling in well and are attached to the Yengema Secondary School.

The 28th September, 2013 witnessed a Peace Carnival that was organized by the youths of Kono with funding from United Nations in their bid to help foster peace and harmony among your people within the district. In recent times, Kono district has been characterized by a chain of violent strikes, riots and violent demonstrations all courtesy of the deplorable economic situation of the youths of the district. The first Lady of the state and the second gentle man of the country are all descendants of the said district, but that does not in any way reflection on the life of the district and the people and the mining companies in the area are not helping the situation in any way at all. All of these, culminated to some of the violent reactions of the youths of that district which actually drew the attention of the United Nations representative in the country and hence an activity of that magnitude was planned. The youths clearly spelt out that they are tired of been fooled by the politicians. They said it's time for them to come together to build their district and ignore their politicians who had told them bundles of lies in the past. They vowed to embrace peace and development and not politics anymore. I only hope there will be no political apathy in that area during elections because when they allow the wrong people to make the wrong decisions for them, the ills with perpetuate and not will change.

NJALA COMMUNITY

Cyril Dauda

The Njala Community sends everyone our warmest greetings and good wishes. We have a strong feeling here that whatever happens on the ground whether in community or at ministry, it is a congregational story hence should be given the international

flavor that it rightly deserves and adequately communicated to the rest of the Edmund Rice family. This we recognize as a fundamental community responsibility.

We are glad to announce to all our readers that Br. Noel Bradshaw has moved into our community since the 16th September, 2013. We charmingly welcome him to our community, never mind he fraternal turned down our proposal of organizing a welcome ritual for him. We full understand where he was coming from. Br. Noel will be in the community until we have a reasonable number of Brothers in the community. We thank him for his moral, spiritual and fraternal support and mentoring.

The community has finished the yearly community evaluation process of Brothers. This was done in a brotherly atmosphere, portraying the daring and caring nature of our community. Thanks to Br. Martin Vamboi for been part of our sacred stories once again (He was on the formation team for all three men at the postulancy).

The University Secondary School like all other government assisted schools around the country has re-opened and is in full operations with no major incidences to report as yet. The members of staff had their first staff meeting of the year in the bid to plan the programme of events for the school term and assign teachers to classes and form committees that with help out in the running of the school. Classes commenced in the first week of the re-opening, never mind the poor turn - out of pupils. No surprise, it's more or less a tradition for Sierra Leonean pupils. In the second week however, we had them coming in their numbers; showing off their new school uniforms, shoes, bags and the like. Probably, that tells the reason why most of them were not at school during the first week of re-opening.

The members of the Justice and Peace Pupils Club of the said school held their first meeting of the academic year as they plan for their forth coming launching ceremony proposed to take place on the 25th November, 2013 which also marks the start of the sixteen days of activism. Plans are underway as to how we can engage the counselor of our ward and the parliamentarian of our constituency on some issues of concern by stemming from club members. We are also planning to embark on a signature campaign against Child-Labour and this will be followed by a march through the principal roads of the Njala-Mokonde community and will climax at the home of the counselor since the parliamentarian from this constituency does not reside here but comes over for occasional visits. All of these activities are programmed to come up during the sixteen days of activism.

The president of the Republic of Sierra Leone will be visiting the Njala community on the 9th October, 2013. He will be coming down with all his cabinet ministers. Our sources have reported that they are coming on a government retreat for four days. During which time the president will have the chance of seeing the university campus and meeting some local authorities around

the Njala-Mokonde community. Courtesy of this, the road from the Taiama junction right into the university campus, is been patched up in preparation for the president's arrival. The rains however, are giving the contractors a run for their money. Hopefully, this time it will be done once and for all. If you have been looking out for an opportunity to see the president at a close range, perhaps have a chat with him or share a drink, this is your opportunity.

CALABA TOWN COMMUNITY

Greetings to all from Calaba Town Community; all seems to be quiet here at the moment. Brothers have all returned from their holidays and well braced up for the academic term/year. The community played the host to a number of Brothers during the holidays. We thank those Brothers for their thoughtful considerations and we also thank them for gracing our lives with the blessing of their company.

The St. Ambrose Academy is in full operation at the moment and the teachers seem to be in good shape. We will however, miss Br. John E. Benya who will be moving down to the student community in Bo for further studies. We thank Br. John for his many contributions during his long stay at the community and the academy. Br. John has been at the academy since its inception.

Br. John E. Benya was accompanied to Bo on the 29th September, 2013 by his former community leader (Br. Paul Luseni) and his former postulancy director (Br. Titus Kallon), what a high power delegation. True Brotherhood at its full bloom. Br. John we on the editorial team wish you well in your new community and success in your academic pursuit.

Br. Paul Mark Luseni is burning the mid-night candle at both ends at least for a while. Paul is studying for a Masters degree in Education Administration. We thank him for investing such in his academics and wish him a super result. Your endeavors will not be in vein. Bro. we are waiting to celebrate your success.

SENAN KERRIGAN FORMATION CENTER - BO

The house is relatively quiet at the moment as the men are now doing the final lap in anticipation for the novitiate programme. This year we were blessed as a district with four fine men – Samuel from Ghana, Augustine, Joseph and Oliver from Sierra Leone. These men are almost drawing to a successful completion of the postulancy programme at our formation centre in Bo. They have had the opportunity of living with and experiencing the life of the Brothers. We continue to request prayers for them as this period is very crucial in their formation process.

Br. Joseph Obana Turay who since first profession of Religious Vows has been living and ministering in the Yengema community has been moved to the Bo formation house to help our young men as they discern what vocation to religious life, and particularly

to the Christian Brothers way of life means for them. Bro. we have no doubt in your ability to deliver. We on the editorial team, wish you well in your new community and ministry.

Br. Paul Mendy has been up and about promoting vocation, making follow ups on men who have expressed interest in our way of life and doing family visitations as tradition demands. Br. Paul is very confident that we will have a batch of sober-minded chaps to attend the forthcoming "Come And See" programme, the venue will be communicated in due time and to start the postulancy programme in Bo, in January of next year. We thank Br. Mendy for his ultimate commitment to this all important district assignment.

Otherwise, all the Brothers and Postulants are back in the community and in good form.

Reflection on My Novitiate Experience

When I received the invitation from the Wan-pot team to put a little piece together for the September publication, especially as we approach the end of the novitiate journey, I asked myself what intriguing moments should I share or write about at this particular moment in my life. The obvious thought that came to mind was to share a kind of an overall reflection on what my life in the novitiate has been for the past 23 months or so.

Now the challenge is choosing between what is significant and what is not significant. A great challenge really because I believe every bit of my novitiate experience, whether minor or major, was/is an experience in itself for me. Anyway, in a most convincing note, the thought of completing the novitiate fills me with overwhelming joy and happiness. It also connects me with reminiscences from the past two years, from that day (Feb. 10th, 2012) when I walked into what would be best described as an incubating place to that day (Nov. 25th, 2013) when I will happily and delightfully walk out of this place as a professed Christian Brother. I certainly find this particular moment to be a culmination of a long and experiential journey of spirit-led discernment of feelings of doubt, apprehensions, resentments, emptiness etc. trying to find out whether I am in the right place, doing the right thing or not. Have I come to this realization? Certainly! So with this experience of feelings highlighted above, I have come to a greater understanding of my whole novitiate journey to be a 'privileged opportunity' that would have been difficult to come by in a profound and exceptional way like this. The description is based on the incredible personal discoveries I have been able to make about myself, others and the earth society of which I am an integral part. The profound and unimaginable exposure I have attained beyond my standard, the genuine challenges and support I have sustained in helping me to become a responsible and mature young man who is capable of responding to his own and others' needs in a free and creative way, are a few but

significant areas of delight for my gratitude and endless appreciation in this novitiate pilgrimage.

Essentially, as a growing young man, I have had many areas in my life tested in diverse ways in the novitiate. There are times when I failed to respond adequately to the myriad novitiate protocols. Frankly, there has never been a time in my life when I have made terrible mistakes and encountering breath-taking challenges than in this novitiate journey. Were they deliberate and expected? Emphatically, no! Paradoxically, I have been thankful for all these challenges. Without them, I believe there would not have been any quality growth, sense of maturity, responsibility and sensitivity in my life. Personally, I came to understand the meaning of what the novitiate is all about through these challenges faced and mistakes made.

Ecstatic memories of applications for vows and recommendations from the Formation Team are now gone but not forgotten. What is left now is approval from our respective DLTs. What a watchful wait! Honestly, the second coming of Christ is played a second fiddle here to our eager wait from our DLTs to be confirmed and told about our places of mission! You know what I am talking about. You all went through it and still go through this process. There have been superficial dreams from fellow novices going around at the moment about their mission places and roles in their would be communities. A poor dreamer like me is yet looking forward to that afternoon or night when I will receive such revelation. Imagine! The atmosphere is electric at the moment in the novitiate! Classes are still going on. Preparations for the profession have started already. The football practices are getting more exciting with our friends from Venta. I really love this moment in my life.

In conclusion, I want to thank God for having been my guide in this journey up to this present moment. My sincere gratitude also goes to my fellow novices and Team members for allowing me to be who I am and what I can become. Life has really changed in me over this period of formation and how it all happened, I cannot explain. Shalom! Shalom! Shalom!

Abu Steven Kargbo

THANK YOU MESSAGE

We express our sincere thanks to all who contributed to our September, 2013 issue.

Prayer Request

We request prayers for the people of Sierra Leone at this very crucial period that they may continue to keep the peace and work toward national cohesion and development.

CONTRIBUTION

We continue to ask our valuable readers and contributors to send their contributions to Brs. Joseph Cyril Dauda Jr. and Paul Mendy.

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!!! COMMUNITY OF THE MONTH!!!

FROM: THE WAN POT EDITORIAL TEAM

TO: ALL OUR READERS

We are pleased to announce to all our readers that **CHOGGU COMMUNITY has been named community of the Month.**