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"Jesus told them, 'Go and do likewise.'" Luke 10:37

A gesture of Kindness



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Dear Friends,

I wish I could share more exciting news besides the grim storyline of the COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, this has proven difficult given the impact of the deadly infectious disease on our lives in the last six months. The virus has profoundly changed the way we function and interact with each other. We are hurting as we continue to face these drastic measures for an unforeseeable future. Besides, public health experts seem to suggest that we are not out of the woods yet. Whatever the predictions, we are now aware of how unprepared and vulnerable we are in front of this invisible enemy.

As we continue to follow the guidelines and safety measures enacted by competent authorities, let us remember those within our communities and beyond our borders who have been disproportionately affected. We especially keep in mind those who have been impacted in the developing world. Many have lost their jobs and livelihoods and count on our Kindness. Times like these call for human solidarity to help the most vulnerable weather the storms. A gesture of Kindness will go a long way to put a smile on their faces. Thank you for heeding their call.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Barthelemy Bazemo, M.Afr.
President

Our Mission

The **Missionaries of Africa** accomplishes its mission through a wide variety of works and ministries. Whether it is direct involvement in improving the quality of life of the poor, parish ministry, teaching, community prayer or advocacy for those who have been marginalized by society -- our Missionaries are working to preach the Gospel through actions as well as words. We also further our mission by providing the People of God in the United States with the opportunity to offer spiritual and financial support for our religious, social, educational and charitable works and for our co-workers in Africa ... to express their Kindness to those who are suffering and in need. Kindness (with a capital K) is that conscious decision to reach out to those who are suffering.

We receive so many requests for help from our Missionaries working throughout Africa ... from those working in rural towns and villages to those working among the desperately impoverished in Africa's largest cities. In this newsletter, we share with you a snapshot of a few of the communities who have benefitted from your generosity and Kindness. Thank you for all that you do to make our work possible! For more information about our work, please visit our website at:

www.missionariesofafrica.org



Nyamakukuru, Uganda

New Hospital Beds for Health Clinic

A few months ago, Sr. Specioza Mbarimu, a missionary working in a remote area of western Uganda, wrote to us asking if we could help provide beds, stretchers, intravenous drip stands and other medical equipment for St. Jacinta Health Clinic in Uganda's Nyamakukuru region. The community is so isolated from other medical services that St. Jacinta is often the only option for those who are sick.

Thanks to your Kindness, the Sisters have been able to purchase new beds, stretchers and other equipment. Sr. Specioza shared photos of the new beds that arrived recently (above).

*** Your financial support continues to make a difference to those in need! ***

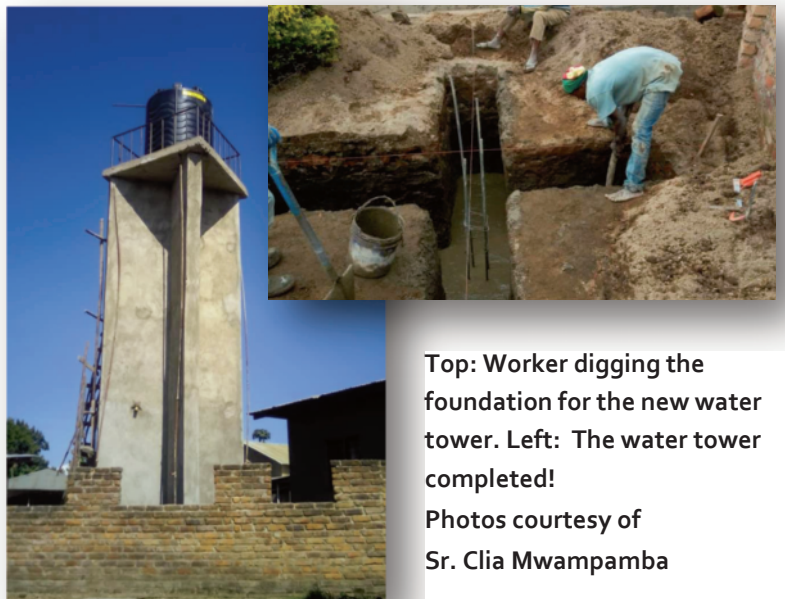
Mbeya District, Tanzania

Clean, safe water for the people of Lumbila ... thanks to you!

The Catholic Clinic in the village of Lumbila, in the Mbeya region of Tanzania, recently received a new borehole and a water storage tower thanks to your generosity!

"We now have enough water to sustain our clinic and the neighboring institute for children with disabilities," writes Sr. Clia Mwampamba. "We were able to drill the borehole as well as build a water tower that supports the storage tank. The water is shared with people throughout the village. Thank you for making this possible!"

Sr. Clia Mwampamba
Project Manager



Top: Worker digging the foundation for the new water tower. Left: The water tower completed!

Photos courtesy of
Sr. Clia Mwampamba

Masaka, Uganda

New Solar Panels for Training School

When Sr. Lydia Owomuhangi, Principal of St. Annet Vocational Training School, wrote to us, she was praying that we could help her in some way. "The students who come to us are mostly girls -- orphans and dropouts -- who need our help in order to survive. They lack the vocational skills necessary to get employment and provide for themselves. Our school does not have a reliable source of electricity, though. Solar panels would give us the electricity we need."

Thanks to your financial generosity, solar panels have now been installed at the school. "The students had been suffering without electricity for such a long time," Sr. Lydia explains. "Students used candles at night because there was not enough light. There were not even security lights outside. Because of your generosity, all of that has changed! What an incredible difference you have made in the lives of these children. God bless you."

Sr. Lydia Owomuhangi
Principal



ABOVE PHOTOS: (TOP) WORKER INSTALLING SOLAR PANELS; (BOTTOM) SOME OF THE STUDENTS AT ST. ANNET (COURTESY OF SR. LYDIA)



Above: Work in progress on the Youth Center; Bottom: Worker mixing cement



Katoy/Goma, DR Congo

New Youth Center offers a fresh start!

"Katoy is a poor and densely populated area just outside of Goma," Fr. Lowrent Kamwanza, M.Afr., explains in his letter. "Many of the youth have witnessed endless atrocities due to successive civil and inter-boarder wars. The result is that they are challenged with unemployment, idleness, and a lack of any opportunities that might provide an outlet for sports or any kind of healthy social exchange."

Thanks to the generosity of friends and benefactors, the Missionaries of Africa were able help Fr. Lowrent's mission purchase the materials needed (roofing materials, cement, lumber, metal window frames and bricks) to complete the construction of the Youth Center. "The Center recently opened -- providing youth with a place to gather for activities and healthy social interaction. This would not have been possible without your financial support. The young people now know a brighter future. Thank you and the benefactors who made this possible."

Fr. Lowrent Kamwanza, M.Afr.
Pastor

(Photos courtesy of Fr. Lowrent)



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