



Ewuaso oo' Nkidongi Parish Newsletter n. 31

March 2013

Ewuaso Kedong - Kibiko - Kimuka - Saikeri - Najile - Enkorika & Empaash Mass Centres

Dear Friends, we have reached the 31st edition of this Newsletter... who would have thought ?? Certainly not I when I began my work here back in 2004. Based on my previous appointments within the Rosminians I never envisaged that I would be close to completing 9 years in the same place. God is good.

First of all apologies for the lateness of the last edition and consequently my Christmas greetings to you all. As I explained briefly in the cover email I am not sure how it happened as the Newsletter was complete and ready for sending on the 8th of December. I think I was just swamped with work at the time.

Several of you have been in touch remarking how green the place looked. Regrettably I can say that it has since dried up completely and we are facing dust storms every day. However we remain hopeful. The rain has reached Nairobi and hopefully will come our way before long.

Those of you have visited Ewuaso will have met Justus, our parish chairman and a great help to me over the last years. In the recent national elections he stood for local representative for the county council of Kajjado and was elected. Truly the people have gained a man who will represent them well in county government.



Justus Ole Nkomea - Ewuaso oo'Nkidongi Ward Representative

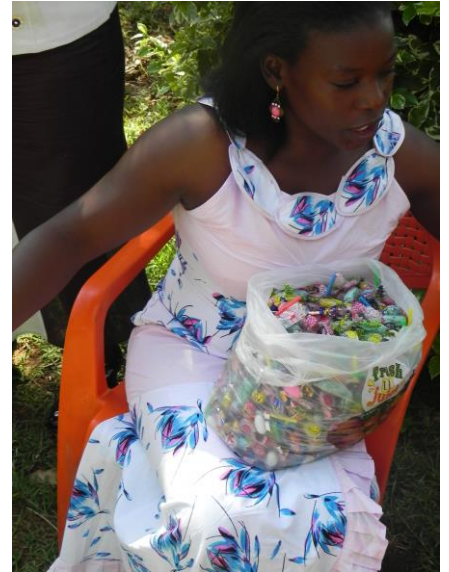
The celebration of Christmas came as we completed our annual Youth Gathering in Ewuaso and a seminar for younger children in Kibiko. The Hall in Ewuaso was decorated beautifully by the youth.



We had many baptisms and first communions in the different parts of the parish of both young and old on Christmas Day and then we finished with a meal together for all at the mission in Ewuaso



The queue for food... children first and then....



...they move on to get sweets from Mother Christmas !!

Once the year finished and we moved into 2013 the results of the National Primary Exams came out. The local primary school which we support increased their grades and were recognised as the most improved in the whole County.

Then requests for help for paying secondary school fees began to arrive in earnest. We received over 40 requests and it was difficult to choose only 12 among them whom we could pay for, as all were so much in need and so deserving. The 12 whom we did accept brought the total number of young people in secondary school whom we are helping to 57. Please remember that we still need help for this valuable work and **for 500 € / 650 US\$ a year you could sponsor a girl or boy to continue in their education.**

A big thanks goes out to the teachers and children of Ballyboy National School in Offaly, Ireland and to Margaret McDonnell of Galway and all those who work with them who gave us big support in this work.

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As they say 'one thing leads to another' and this is certainly true in our case here in Ewuaso Kedong. Since opening the Rescue Centre in December 2011 we receive not only girls who are rescued from the negative cultural practices but also young women and mothers coming to the staff for advice. Among those mothers some brought their children who had different handicaps from birth. Many of these children remain hidden in their homes because families are unwilling, unable or just simply unaware that anything can be done for them.

Thanks to a Lenten Sacrifice Campaign of Fr. Owen Moran and the parishioners of St. Rose of Lima Parish in New Jersey we are in the process of helping three such children.



Samuria who has a deformed foot since birth



Esther on the left who is blind from birth. Josiah on the right who is dumb from birth.

Water & Agriculture Project

In February we had a visit from the representatives of Cross Catholic Outreach who visited the work that is being done and they were happy with the progress.

The work of building water tanks continues in Namuncha and Enkuserokeri and once these are complete we will move to Enkorika. Since last writing our work has finished in several areas and we have been able to hand over the sites at Ewuaso, Najile and Osero to the local community who will manage the water for their area.



Najile Site being handed over to the local community by the Chairman of the Parish.

Our work continues on the agricultural part of the project. Ten greenhouses have been erected for the communities in four different areas. The people responsible will undergo training before Easter and then be followed by an educational agronomist for ten months.



The local community helping in the erecting of the greenhouses.

As we prepare to enter Holy Week I take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you and your families a very happy celebration of Easter.

All of you continue to be remembered in our weekly mass here in Ewuaso Kedong which we celebrate every Saturday for our benefactors.

May God bless you all.

As always donations are always needed and can be sent in the usual way. If you have any queries at all please do not to hesitate to contact me at the address at the bottom of page 1.

Donations marked for Ewuaso can also be sent to:

**Fr. Patrick Pierce i.c.,
Rosminian House of Prayer,
Glencomeragh, Kilsheelan,
Co. Tipperary,
Ireland.
Tel: +353 52 33181**

Fr. Paddy also operates a bank account for the parish and donations can be made directly to that...

**AIB Bank, 65/67 O'Connell St.,
Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.
A/c Name **IPIC Ewuaso**
Account
A/c No. 40016297
Sorting Code: 93 53 79**

Or in the USA, as always marked for Ewuaso Parish, to:

**Fr. Christopher Fitzgerald i.c.,
St. Francis of Assisi Parish,
P.O. Box 1218, Seffner,
Florida 33583. USA.
Tel: +1 813 689 4241**

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