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Living Waters' mission is the support of Roman Catholic missionary and international development projects in East Africa.

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Success Stories

Whenever possible, we will provide real life stories that stem from your donation to Living Waters. This issue we are able to bring you two follow-ups from last spring's newsletter that illustrate the mission of Living Waters International.

Roofing Project at the Salesan Academy

I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to all those that helped us with our roofing project. We've come a long way and now we can call it a boarding hall. The people of Chera also are very happy. It is my hope and belief that many more parents will bring their children to our boarding school. The building will accommodate one hundred students and that will include some of the poorest of the poor from the village. Now there are only finishing touches and students will begin moving in this January.



Girls' hostel at Chera

Fr. Samy Chinnappan, MSFS, Chera, Kenya

Library at St. Francis de Sales Primary

I do thank Living Waters International for your care and support of the Katani library project. I specially thank you for the assistance you gave for the furnishings and purchase of the reading books for our students. We have managed to furnish it partially and bought some books which are assisting them in their studies. The children are happy to have the library and we are grateful to you for the assistance.



Endrica (front & center) and friends make good use of the materials found in the school library.

We invoke God's blessings on you and on all your intentions.

Fr. Sunny Vettickal, MSFS, Katani, Kenya

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." - Henry Ford

Fundraising Support A Word of Thanks

We give thanks to everyone involved in our summer fundraisers, from our friends in the Wrightstown area to the good folks in Antigo. Our friends from Wrightstown received matching donations from Catholic Financial Life and collectively \$2,700 was raised this summer for the Greatest Needs and Project LIST funds. We sincerely appreciate all who gave of their time, or donated food and baked goods and lastly we can't forget the patrons. **Thank you! Together we're making a difference!**

"The world is hugged by the faithful arms of volunteers."
~Terri Guillemets



Wrightstown Area Friends of Living Waters



Jeff Zalewski passes over a dish of grilled brats to Karen Prunty.

Christmas 2015 Food Relief Appeal

Word has come from our missionary friends in Africa that poor climatic conditions have wreaked havoc on ***"... most people live on tea daily because they have nothing to eat."*** In some places, rain came six weeks late, which meant that all the maize that was planted at the beginning of the season dried out. Fr. Thomas Chozi, MSFS, in Uganda, conveyed that when the rain came, it came without stopping. Houses fell down, a few people died and a lot of people became sick. Sadly he tells us, "... most people live on tea daily because they have nothing to eat." The missionaries are asking for our help and our prayers this Christmas Season. If you would like and are able to make a donation, please see the enclosed form.



A young boy from Iyolwa Village in Uganda, consoles his baby brother.

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SPOTLIGHT

by Eileen Hartl, LWI Board Member

This Advent Season, we are shining the light on Rita Fox of Edgerton, WI.



Rita with her grandsons Dayne & Kohl.

Rita Fox is like many of us in that when an invitation to help someone is put before us, we discern how we want to respond and then discover ways to make it happen. She began sponsoring her student, Justin Sylvester Choka of Tanzania, in 2008. Her initial commitment to donate \$20 a month was big enough, but once Justin was enrolled at the MSFS Junior Seminary in Kihonda, Tanzania, the annual school fees with boarding went to \$500. Rita asked herself, "Now how was I to pay that?" God provided a way! She included this need in an annual fund-raiser bike ride, taking additional pledges from family and friends as she did the Bike Wisconsin 6-day tour.

Rita added, "I continued in this fashion, donating money monthly, and giving a larger amount yearly." Another source of money came through the collection of aluminum cans during hikes on Wisconsin's Ice Age Trail, and in the clean-up of ditches where she lives and by regular collections at a couple of gas stations. Justin, an AIDS orphan, losing both parents to this horrific disease, overcame many obstacles to complete his education. One day, frustration and anger gave way to a fight with someone and he was expelled from the school. He ended up moving a full day's bus ride to the north to another school closer to one of his sisters. Turning these obstacles into stepping stones, Justin put the past behind him and focused on his studies. In one of his letters he related, "It is true that without your help, as an orphan boy, my life would not be the way it is."



Justin receiving his teacher's diploma.

This past summer, Rita's joy was made complete after receiving a letter from Justin. He told her, "I have finished my training to be a teacher. Remember, that all are the efforts from you, due to your assistance you gave to me." Justin had evolved into a mature young adult from his troubled teen years as he expressed his thanks to her for sponsoring him the last seven years. Rita said, "I need to send my congratulations to him for the completion of his studies and for a new beginning, a new chapter in his life."

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When you shop at AmazonSmile, (smile.amazon.com) the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to Living Waters International, Inc

"May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women."

-Pope Francis

Wishing you
light, joy and peace
this Christmas and
throughout the New Year.

Steve, Ann, Emma, Brian,
Karen, Eileen & Tina

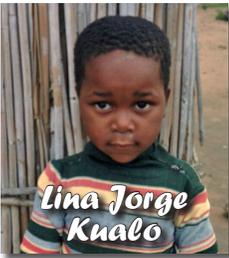
Students In Need



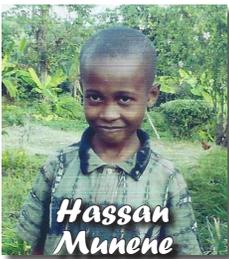
Student Sponsorship



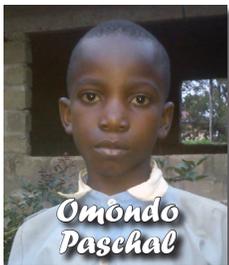
NAME: Martha Amandi
GENDER: Female
BIRTHDAY: May 24, 2006
COUNTRY: Tanzania
FAVORITE PASTIMES: Playing with friends
FAVORITE SUBJECTS: English, Science & Math
SPECIAL NEED: Martha is nine. Recently freed from slave labor, she is re-united with her mother and back in school. She needs prayers and financial support.



NAME: Lina Jorge Kualo
GENDER: Female
BIRTHDAY: September 19, 2009
COUNTRY: Mozambique
FAVORITE PASTIMES: Playing with friends
FAVORITE SUBJECTS: Numbers & Letters
SPECIAL NEED: Lina's mother is deceased and her father left the family. With an income of \$8/month, Lina's grandmother cannot pay her school tuition.



NAME: Hassan Munene
GENDER: Male
BIRTHDAY: August 16, 2005
COUNTRY: Kenya
FAVORITE PASTIMES: Playing with friends
FAVORITE SUBJECTS: Science
SPECIAL NEED: Hassan's mother is an alcoholic and his father is not in the picture. His living conditions are very poor and he often comes to the convent for food and companionship.



NAME: Omondo Paschal
GENDER: Male
BIRTHDAY: May 17, 2007
COUNTRY: Uganda
FAVORITE PASTIMES: Singing & Playing
FAVORITE SUBJECTS: Social Studies
SPECIAL NEED: Omondo's father is not present. He and his siblings live with his mother and her parents and they cannot afford to pay his school tuition and fees.

\$25 a month provides help for:

- Tuition
- Books
- School Supplies
- School Uniforms
- Shelter
- Food
- Health Care

Payments can be made:

- Monthly..... \$25
- Quarterly \$75
- Semi-annually\$150
- Annually\$300

100% of your tax-deductible donation goes directly to your child's sponsorship.



To learn more about these children and other children waiting to be sponsored, visit our website at: www.livingwatersinternational.org

Project List

- ✓ Love
- ✓ In
- ✓ Small
- ✓ Things

Project LIST looks at the little ways and the small things that can make a BIG difference in the life of a child in East Africa. In the battle against poverty, one of *Living Waters International's* goals is to help turn every contribution into big benefits. No contribution is too small!

Your support of Project LIST can supplement the donations we receive through student sponsorships. Students sometimes lose their sponsorship or fees increase when they move on to secondary schools. Project LIST can ensure continued assistance in these cases.