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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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The ensuing testimony comes from Msgr. Paul Koszarek of the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin. During his priesthood, he initially taught sciences at Sacred Heart Seminary, Oneida, for sixteen years; he then served fifteen years as pastor in parishes in Green Bay, Oshkosh and Lakewood. Monsignor then served ten years at the Chancery in Green Bay before completing another seven years this time as pastor at St. Hyacinth Church in Antigo. Monsignor Koszarek retired in 2001, but continues to serve as "Priest Celebrant" for St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in Armstrong Creek and St. Joan of the Arc Church in Goodman.

"Yet all experience is an arch where through gleams that untraveled world whose margin fades forever and forever when I move." -Alfred Lord Tennyson

Every day we live, every person we encounter, every place we visit leaves its imprint on our memory, shapes our character and influences our behavior. Some of these experiences can have a lasting impact. One such experience for me was an extended trip I took through Central and South America early in my priesthood. Father Dennis Worzalla and I, both on the faculty of Sacred Heart Seminary, Oneida, took the three months during the summer of 1967 to immerse ourselves in the culture of the third world. We began our trip by automobile from Green Bay. Our destination was Lima, Peru, where I had a sister, a nun, doing missionary work on the outskirts of Lima. Father Dennis had a friend, a Maryknoll missionary in the same area.

Our seventy-day immersion in the culture of the third world affected me permanently. Witnessing the poverty, the pain, the hardships and people made me want to help them in any way I could. Especially wrenching was the contrast between the light in the eyes of the children and the shadow of poverty and the lack of opportunities that clouded their future.

Living Waters International looks to another, but similar situation, in another part of the world: East Africa. In requesting sponsorships for children of poverty who are seeking an education, Living Waters offers them a brighter future, which without help they would not realize. I am happy to participate in this program. My part may seem small from my perspective, but it makes a world of difference in a child's future.



Rainwater Harvesting Project Advent Appeal

by Eileen Hartl

Seasonal drought compromises the water supply for four hundred students at *St. Francis de Sales* Boarding School in Bukene village in the Nzega District of the Tabora Region in Tanzania. The school depends on shallow wells and rainwater stored in plastic tanks for their water supply. With an increasing enrollment, the need for water has become even greater in this semi-arid region.



Students waiting in line to fill their water buckets.

“Our kind request to you is to help us...so that our children will have safe drinking water.”

Four thousand dollars are needed for eight poly tanks, gutters, accessories, transport charges and labor. I share with you this request from the school’s manager, Father Jomat Kollappallil, *Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales*: “Our kind request to you is to help us set up 8 poly water tanks (each with a capacity of 5,000 litres) for our school so that our children will have safe drinking water. This project will enable us to collect a minimum of 40,000 litres of water annually, thus ensuring safe drinking water for our student body throughout the year. This project will take three months to complete once sufficient funds are raised.” If you would like to share in our support of this project, please see the enclosed donation form. Thank you!

Books for Africa



Thanks to everyone who supported the “Books for Africa” project. Because of your support, many great things happen! Look for an update in the spring newsletter.



Cards for a Cause

Meet a friend of Living Waters, Mary Ozarowicz of Maribel, Wisconsin. Since 2004, Mary has used her photography skills to create and sell greeting cards that help young girls living in school hostels at St. Francis de



Sales Primary School Bukene, Tanzania, the SFS Children’s Home at Ipuli, Tanzania, and the Salesian Academy in Chera, Kenya. Fr. Jomat Mathew Kollappillil, *MSFS*, recently informed us that a tank to preserve maize was built from the funds Mary raised: “We need 300 bags of maize for one year and preserving it is a big job. Now no insects



Maize storage tank

or pests can come in. This is a great help in food security. Before we could not buy and store due to the lack of adequate space. Now we can save on cost as well.” Mary’s cards are available at:

Dick’s Family Foods, Wrightstown, St. James Catholic Church, Cooperstown, and Hello Beautiful Salon in Two Rivers. Well done Mary, good and faithful servant!

Visit us at our website at www.livingwatersinternational.org!



SPOTLIGHT

by Eileen Hartl, LWI Board Member

This issue's spotlight is on Mary Gladys Namaggi of Osia, Uganda, one of many young adults who have been sponsored through Living Waters.

A single well-trained teacher is a highly valued resource of any nation, particularly in poverty-stricken East Africa. Last spring, Sister John Marie Simien, *Sisters of Mercy of the Holy Cross* in Merrill, Wisconsin received this heart-warming message from Gladys:



"I appreciate the support that I and my family have received from you. I hereby inform you that I have completed my teaching course and have started my second year as a teacher at Holy Cross Junior School in Osia. I have not found any difficulties in my job and I am proud to be a teacher. If God wishes, I will upgrade. Thank you, Sisters, for loving me. I have nothing to reward you with except my prayers. May God bless you with long and happy lives as you have helped me and my family.

Namaggi, Mary Gladys"

Sister John Marie couldn't be more touched by the news. Over the years of sponsorship, Sister enjoyed Gladys' letters and the encouraging reports from her *SMHC* associates in Uganda that she was a good student. "I understand how difficult missionary work can be with all the obstacles to a good education, particularly for girls in third world countries. We gave to her what we could and now she is giving back to those who supported her by being a productive, responsible citizen. Not only have we helped one person, we are helping an entire family. This is God's blessing; it's miraculous!"

Congratulations Gladys and may all your dreams be realized. Thank you Sister John Marie and all of the *SMHC* associates in Merrill. You serve the Lord so faithfully!

"We consider Christmas as the encounter, the great encounter, the historical encounter, the decisive encounter, between God and mankind. He who has faith, knows this truly; let him rejoice ..."
- Pope Paul VI

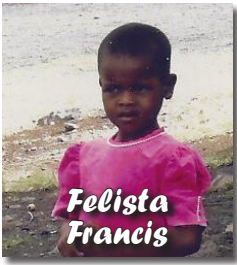
**Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year!**

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

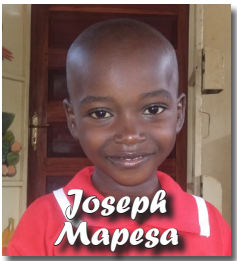


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Students In Need



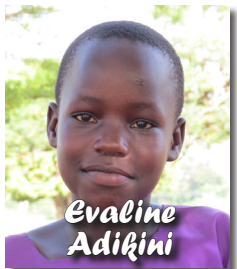
Name: Felista Francis / **Gender:** Female
Birth Date: September 17, 2010 / **Country:** Tanzania
Favorite Subjects: Math
Favorite Pastimes: Drawing pictures
Chores: Collects firewood and water
Other Remarks: Felista's family is very poor and can't afford to pay her school fees.



Name: Joseph Mapesa / **Gender:** Male
Birth Date: September 22, 2011 / **Country:** Tanzania
Favorite Subjects: Kiswahili / **Favorite Pastimes:** Football
Chores: Fetching water & gardening
Other Remarks: Joseph's parents cannot afford his tuition fees but he is a very intelligent boy that's interested in learning. I pray and hope that he may get a sponsor in order that he may get a quality education with which he can transform his life and that of his immediate society. Father Ken Maina - Kihonda, Tanzania



Name: Josephine Alowo / **Gender:** Female
Birth Date: March 5, 2000 / **Country:** Uganda
Favorite Subjects: English & Science
Favorite Pastimes: Visiting with friends
Chores: Digging, cooking, fetching water & grazing animals
Other Remarks: Josephine's parents are peasants and cannot afford to pay her school fees.



Name: Evaline Adikini / **Gender:** Female
Birth Date: October 17, 2003 / **Country:** Uganda
Favorite Subjects: English & Science
Favorite Pastimes: Netball
Chores: Cooking, fetching water & washing utensils
Other Remarks: Evaline's parents are divorced and have left her to live with her aunt. She makes about \$20 a month and cannot afford to help with Evaline's school tuition.

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



Student Sponsorship

\$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.



Project List

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- ✓ 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.