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## Something is in the Works

by Eileen Hartl



*Father reported that there was plenty of rainfall for the coming season.*

The parishioners of the Ibumbida Mission in the Singida Diocese of Tanzania are busy cultivating sugarcane to help less fortunate families send their children to school. Due to a shortage of sugar in the country, the parish inherited fifty acres of land from the government to grow the sugarcane.

Father Angelo Kaizirege, Society of the Precious Blood Missionaries, explained that their project has been divided into two phases. "The initial start-up budget is the only major challenge before us. Once we get enough, the project will be self-sustaining for it is income generating. The first phase consists of planting twenty-five acres this year, of which five have already been planted, then twenty-five in 2019." According to Father, a well-maintained farm will yield \$400-\$600 per year.

Aside from tuition fees, the money will also provide food, boarding, school supplies and health insurance that's necessary for malarial attacks. Because these young people have such a great stake in this project, they are required to work on the crop four hours per week. "We consider their homework and some time to relax. The parents, or relatives who care for the students spend a great deal of time working it; we encourage them to involve themselves in this sugarcane initiative to support their children."

Education has the power to make our world a better place to live. One acre of sugarcane can yield a minimum of twenty-nine tons and a maximum of forty; for the children it will yield a lifetime of knowledge, knowledge that can reduce poverty, make people healthier, increase income and foster peace. Should you find it in your heart or budget to support these efforts, see the enclosed donation form. Thank you for all your past support and with your help we can do great things!



*Workers preparing pesticides for the crops.*





## Love, Life & Light – Update on Little Goretti

by Eileen Hartl

Where charity and love prevail, our God is always found. Bound by the example of Christ, several people came forward during Advent to offer financial assistance for Goretti's bodily needs caused by her congenital bladder exstrophy; the \$1,100 they raised helped purchase her medication and provided for maintenance care.



*Goretti drinking from a glass*

Her aunt, Sister Feliciana, said that a surgery in February was unsuccessful because her bladder was too small despite a scan that had shown good volume. Complications followed with some infections that have been treated, but she is recovering regardless of this setback. As she grows, the volume of her urine increases and that presents the challenge of keeping her dry; quality diapers are expensive, and the family cannot afford to buy them.

Life goes on for Goretti. Sister Feliciana shared the many ways that Goretti is improving. She can walk now and calls her dad, mum and sisters by name. She is jolly in spite of her condition and has shown a spirit of independence by feeding herself. Again, Sister expressed the family's gratitude by stating, "We consider it a miracle by God and you are all a part of her story; may all those who have donated toward Goretti's treatments be blessed by our loving God. I can testify that every time we become financially drained and are tempted to give up, you are there to support us."

You have been a light to this little girl's path and we thank you for making a difference! Her next scheduled surgery is June 4<sup>th</sup>. Please keep Goretti, her doctors and healthcare team in your prayers; if you wish to donate, please see the enclosed form or come to one of our summer fund-raisers advertised on page four.



## A Seminarian in Need



I wish to become an exemplary priest so much so that the doings of my thoughts, deeds, and actions will give a positive and

faithful testimony to my vocation. As a priest, I will freely and lovingly dedicate my life to work anywhere for the sake of the Gospel. I want to reach out for the sake of the lesser privileged such as street children, orphans, the differently abled; the less evangelized societies or to any other call of mission. I want to be God's instrument who will bring about spiritual, moral and intellectual transformation to his people. To realize all these noble ambitions, I request prayerful and material assistance in my formation to the priesthood.

Sincerely,  
Brother Gregory Mutisya - Tanzania

**To sponsor Brother Gregory, please see the enclosed form or find him at our website under "Programs".**



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# SPOTLIGHT

by Eileen Hartl, LWI Board Member



**Father John Bosco Nambasi**

Today we shine the light on Reverend John Bosco Nambasi, Provincial Bursar for the Comboni Missionaries in the Uganda Province & Pastor of Our Lady of Africa Church – Mbuya, Kampala.

Father John met Stephen Zimmerman, co-founder and executive director of Living

Waters in January of 2007 when both were taking a Kiswahili language course in Musoma, Tanzania. Father was newly ordained and had been appointed to a parish in Nairobi, Kenya. In 2008, he reached out to Living Waters for financial assistance for internally displaced Somalian refugees in Kenya in the aftermath of post-election skirmishes of 2007, and then again in 2017 for refugees in Uganda. The money was used for buying food, medicine, and school fees for refugee children.

Family tragedy left Father with a heavy heart while studying to be a priest. His brother and sister-in-law died with complications from long illnesses, leaving behind three young boys, Mark, Micah and Michael. Father worked diligently to seek financial assistance for the boy's education in which Living Waters and other individuals responded. "The boys moved into their grandmother's wattle house and lived off of whatever food she could grow in her garden. Despite hardships, she loved

them, and they loved her too.

They learned to work hard by her example and today they are very strong, hardworking young men."

One of them, Mark, graduated from Kampala International University this year with a Bachelor's in the Education Arts and now works at St. Josephine Bakhita Secondary School in Kyotera near the town of Masaka. "This was the very school where Mark studied from and who helped

him with boarding and family care. Now Mark is giving back to society by teaching other children of his kind." Micah is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Education with an emphasis on physics and mathematics and Michael is in secondary school, excelling in physics, mathematics and chemistry. "I would like to thank God and our friends at Living Waters for the good gesture they are extending to people like my nephews. An educated person can make better choices for their life than one who isn't. May God abundantly give you good health and joy."

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I once heard at a retreat, "Life is not aimless, but a journey with a goal." No one knows this better than our missionary friends like Father John. You and I know this too because as donors, we are actively participating in God's creative work. Blessed are the single-hearted; may we never grow weary of helping our impoverished brothers and sisters!



**Mark on graduation day.**

# Students In Need



## Student Sponsorship



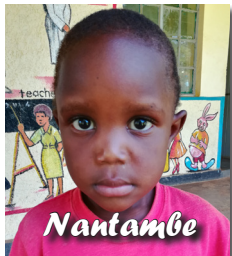
**Name:** Júlio João Mosca **Gender:** Male **Birthdate:** August 24, 2005  
**Country:** Mozambique **Chores:** Cleaning, washing & sweeping  
**Favorite Subject:** Physics & Biology  
**Favorite Pastimes:** Playing games with friends & drawing  
**Other Remarks:** Julio's father abandoned their family of five. His mother, Cristina, earns about \$30/month as a housemaid. She is devoted to her children and has a generous heart; she has taken in a young girl from an interior village while she pursues her studies. They need your financial assistance and generous help in kind.



**Name:** Erik Felician Kite **Gender:** Male **Birthdate:** May 28, 2011  
**Country:** Tanzania **Chores:** Feeding the animals & fetching firewood  
**Favorite Subject:** Mathematics  
**Favorite Pastimes:** Singing, drawing & playing with friends.  
**Other Remarks:** Erik is very gifted and a bright boy; if given the chance he will become the future backbone of his family. His father's income is \$26/month and they live in a simple two room hut with no running water or electricity and an outdoor latrine pit. This family cannot afford the school tuition fees and would greatly appreciate your assistance.



**Name:** Winfrida Leonard Mayenga Mboje **Gender:** Female  
**Birthdate:** August 13, 2009 **Country:** Tanzania  
**Chores:** Cleaning dishes **Favorite Subject:** Mathematics  
**Favorite Pastimes:** Playing with her peers  
**Other Remarks:** Her father left the family and Winfrida's mother Joyce works as a street vendor with an income of \$50/month. She struggles to feed the children let alone pay the school fees. The Fransalian school helps with her older brother's tuition fees and kindly requests your financial assistance for Winfrida.



**Name:** Nantambe Gorret **Gender:** Female **Birthdate:** 2013  
**Country:** Uganda **Chores:** Too young at this stage  
**Favorite Subject:** Pre-school activities **F**  
**Favorite Pastimes:** Singing  
**Other Remarks:** Both of Nantambe's parents are unemployed and living in dire conditions. Please consider giving Nantambe a fighting chance to begin her education at this critical age in her life.

\$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](http://www.livingwatersinternational.org)



- Brat Fry, Wrightstown Area Friends of Living Waters, Saturday, June 9, 10:00 – 6:00 PM
- Brat Fry, Gilbert's Sentry – Friday, June, 29, 10:00 – 2:00 PM
- Music in the Park, Pie & Ice Cream Social – Antigo City Park, Monday, August 20, 6:00 – 8:00 PM