

THE Mission

Tanzania Health and Education Mission

2011 Annual Report

We are pleased to report the results of the past year, our auction and fundraising efforts for 2010 and our recent annual trip to Tanzania.

Fundraising: The 2010 Auction was very successful, particularly with respect to donations to the scholarship fund, this in spite of difficult financial circumstances for many of our contributors. We raised approximately \$45,000, \$10,000 more than 2009 and \$18,500 specifically to the scholarship fund. In addition, we had donations of another \$10,000. As a result, we were able to budget \$55,000 of gifts for our 2011 trip, which was allocated \$30,000 to health and \$25,000 to education.



2011 Mission Trip: Jehane, Pam, Sherry and Jake embarked for our annual Mission trip on January 27 and returned on February 11. We had a very busy and productive time, visiting each of the four dispensaries/health centers that we are sponsoring and

visiting with 45 students in 15 schools. We enjoyed the gracious hospitality of our hosts at Sabuko Seminary, Kiraeni School and Soweto Rectory where we are always made to feel welcome and supported in our work.

(Photo with our hosts, Fr. Beatus and Fr. Calistus)

Health: We continue to support the original three dispensaries at AshEngai, Ngare Nairobi, and Kiraeni. The AshEngai dispensary has added a patient ward building and is being upgraded to a health center this year. They have also added a dental chair and room with a skilled dentist visiting twice each month. Sherry experienced his skill firsthand as she arrived with a broken tooth. We were excited to see Sr. Alina who we had sponsored in her studies to become a lab technician now working at Ngare Nairobi. We also added support for Charlotte Health Center run by the Holy Spirit sisters to our program.

We delivered 65 lbs of medical supplies to each center (260 lbs total) and then accompanied the doctors and nurses as they purchased medications and medical



equipment with the donated funds. Equipment included a wheelchair, medical cart, privacy screens, and X-ray films as well as three blood sugar



testing machines with test strips and two doppler fetal heart monitors.

Education: In 2010 we had sponsored 34 students, 10 of whom graduated or otherwise completed their studies. We were happy to meet with our vocational graduates and



present gifts from individual donors of a sewing machine and toolbox respectively to allow them to begin their new trades.

On this trip, we added 22 more students for a total of 46 students at 17 schools. We have 2 primary school students, 4 vocational training students and 40 secondary students. The secondary schools range tremendously from top-notch boarding schools with excellent facilities to

government day schools with virtually no resources including books, or even windows. We are exploring innovative ways to support these struggling schools.

We also had donations of soccer uniforms and soccer balls to distribute much to the glee of our students. The soccer balls were given in memory of Sherry's son Timothy, and also included volleyballs and pumps. The typical Tanzanian soccer ball is made up of a wad of plastic bags tied together with string, which they were pleased to replace with an authentic one.



In addition to sponsoring individual students, we made grants to three schools, Niruvande, which is an English medium primary school and orphanage, Magnificat, which is a new secondary school being constructed in Sanya Juu, and St. Paul's Nursery School at Ngare Nairobi to hire a professional teacher to increase the level of education in the program.



Student Profiles: Our three Massai students from the Lekrumuni community are doing well at their respective schools, especially Andrew who ranked first in his class of 72 students.

We were pleased to be able to respond to requests to fund three boys, Moses (right), Constantini and Deogratius, who though excellent students, had



been unable to attend school due to the recent loss of a parent and the inability to pay their school fees. It was a pleasure to meet with each of our students, to encourage them in their studies and bring them warm regards from their benefactors in the United States. We are also experimenting with creating "penpal" relationships for the students with American students and families.

New Growth: We are now sponsoring four dispensaries/Health Centers and 46 students. We are exploring working with a Tanzanian friend to assist us in coordinating with our many students. We are considering adding a mid-year trip in the next year or two.

2011 Auction: Mark your calendars for **May 14, 2011**, when we will host our Fifth Annual "Auction for Africa" benefit at the San Mateo Elks Lodge. We have brought many fine artifacts and textiles from Tanzania to add to the premium sports tickets and great getaways in our silent and live auction.

Thank you for your continued support!