

News on Nyumbani



The first facility for HIV positive orphans in Kenya

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Dear Friends of Nyumbani

Greetings from all of us in Nyumbani. As I write this, we are rejoicing that two boys here in the Nyumbani Home who needed to go on third-line antiretroviral medicine (3rd line ARVs) have started the regimen. Already one of them, who has been on the new regimen for a month, has shown extraordinary improvement in his immune system and viral load and is feeling much better and stronger. We await the return of the second boy from boarding school, hoping he, too, will show remarkable recovery. It was a long lobbying process to get access to these medicines but worth every challenge. We are grateful to Johnson & Johnson for allowing “compassionate use” of two of the components and to Merck for a donation that allowed access to the third. The struggle to get these needed medicines continues, however, and I know that soon some children in Lea Toto will need them. And this struggle will go on until either the drugs become affordable or permission is given for generics to be manufactured. I rejoiced in the United Nations acceptance of the Political Declaration 2011-Intensifying our Efforts to Eliminate HIV and AIDS adopted June 10, but these commitments must now be translated into action.

Another great joy we have at the moment is that our new medical laboratory became operational on July 26. A consultant from Alliance Biosciences arrived on August 1 for the accreditation process, and we will have the official opening by Honorable Prof. Anyang’ Nyong’o, Minister of Medical Services, coinciding with our 19th Foundation Day. We look for-



Sister Mary (left) with Patty and John Noel at the 2010 Benefit.

ward to being able to expand our laboratory services to the outside community on a large scale and, in particular, to make tuberculosis culture and resistance testing available.

The challenges we face, however, match our joys in intensity. At the mo-

ment, Kenya is experiencing drought with arid and semi-arid conditions where Nyumbani Village is located, severely affecting the area. In a matter of months, the cost of maize meal has doubled. This has serious implications for the 76 families with 770 children in the Nyumbani Village. We are now overrunning our budget considerably, and we will still struggle to provide food for the villagers. In other parts of the country, people are facing starvation. In Lea Toto, the World Food Program is currently able to provide only for the 355 families with moderately malnourished children. We are concerned for the 1,052 food-insecure families who previously received support.

Summer for you in the western hemisphere is a time for visitors here at Nyumbani. To our great delight, we welcomed Congressman Chris Van Hollen with his son, Alexander, and hosted them here in the Nyumbani Home. What an honor that was! Congressman Van Hollen showed detailed interest in all three of our programs over the three days of his visit, which culminated in attending Independence Day Celebrations at the USA Embassy when we met with the new U.S. Ambassador Scott Gration and his wife, who promised to visit Nyumbani.

We are always happy to welcome the Jesuit affiliated groups to Nyumbani from Georgetown University, Loyola Academy and this year from Regis High School. Special, too, were visits of friends from early Nyumbani days—Tim Bilodeau with his son, and Steve and Molly Cashin. We also welcomed two delegations from Johnson & Johnson—the vice president of the company with a group of executives, who visited the Village, a visit that

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Nyumbani
Cordially Invites You To:

**The 18th Annual
Nyumbani Benefit & Auction:**
Transforming Lives

Friday, September 30, 6 p.m.
The Ritz Carlton
1150 22nd Street NW
Washington, D.C.

see pages 4 and 5 for details.
Email: info@nyumbani.org
for printed invitations.



A Simple Purchase Can Light Up a Life

Lloydie Zaiser, founder of KEST:

I have a story to tell about some amazing women I met while in Kenya. As with many Nyumbani stories, this tale starts with Father D'Agostino. In 2004, Father D'Ag, who had given a presentation on Nyumbani at the school where I



KEST travelers often stop to visit with the VSHG mommas and buy goods the women have made.

worked, pulled a bag out of his pocket. "Would you like some of these bracelets to sell to the students?" he asked. "They were made by the mommas at one of our Lea Toto programs." Naively, I said, "Of course, Father D'Ag, anything for you!" I sold what he gave me, he gave me more, and the rest is history. I sold the jewelry at fairs, family parties, out of the trunk of my car. Everyone wanted a leather beaded bracelet from Kenya. After three years, the bracelets had earned the mommas over \$6,000. But I wanted to know about the people that created such beautiful crafts.

I learned through Sister Little, a Nyumbani nurse working in Lea Toto, that they were mothers who joined together with her help to improve their lives. They called themselves the Visions Self Help Group (VSHG) and they were eventually based at Dandora Lea Toto.

Finally, in 2008, I had the opportunity to meet them face to face. By this time, I had founded the travel company Kenya Educational Service Trip (KEST), and I took my first group of travelers to Dandora to meet the mommas. The VSHG members set up a marketplace. We sat together, shared biscuits and chai, and they told their stories. Each momma had

many trials and challenges they face every day of their lives. Some mommas were caring for as many as 10 children! We were shocked, amazed and inspired all at one time.

For the benefit of this newsletter's readers, I asked Jacqueline Omulo, president, to write down the history of the group. This is what she said:

Jacqueline Omulo, president of Dandora Visions Self Help Group:

VSHG started in 2002 in Kariobangi where Lea Toto opened a new center. Sister Little felt something had to be done because providing for our children's needs was getting more difficult. We mommas thank Sister Little for this good thinking in helping women who were desperate and losing hope in life. The group started with 30 women willing to make beads.

Sister Little and Catherine, a social worker, tried their best to help us poor mommas change our lives.

They opened our eyes and brought us people who trained us in bead work. After that, we started making jewelry. When Sister Little started this effort, we had nothing, but now we can live positively. We were empowered, and now we can pay our rents and send our children to school, which we couldn't manage before.

Sister Little would buy materials for us because we could not manage to buy for ourselves. After making the jewelry, she was selling it for us and bringing us money for domestic use. Thank God Sister could get us donors who supported us. We also really appreciated the connection between Sister and Lloydie, who has been our godmother. The KEST travelers who accompany her have been good to us and love to shop at our market and buy our goods! They really changed our lives.

Several years ago, with ten active members, we began the process of thinking about what the group could do for our future to aim higher. At that point, we began to save for future projects. We now have food to eat; our children are going to schools, and we are thinking to our futures. Through Lloydie's support, we managed to buy a piece of land. Our hopes and dreams are to live peacefully as one family on our own property without the stress of paying house rent; to do

away with discrimination against our families; and to enable our children to live a better life without stigma while going to better schools. We pray that Lloydie, KEST and Deb DeArmon (a former KEST traveler) can continue supporting us. But we also need support to build on the piece of land we own. We will have a warehouse and a store on the first level so visitors can buy our products. Housing for VSHG families will be on the top floor. If we can do this, we will live as one of the happiest families ever!

We want to thank KEST and other travelers for their support. We pray for them, and we believe Lloydie and others are the light that God gave to us. Please continue to visit us often and bring jewelry back to America to sell.

The ground has been broken on the land we bought, and a building is underway...but the funds are coming in slowly. Perhaps this is a way some U.S. supporters can help. A college student, Annie, wore her beaded bracelet at school, and next thing you know, she ordered 50 custom-made bracelets! Deb DeArmon had a casual party and sold much jewelry. The profits of such efforts are already in the hands of the mommas. The sale of one bracelet can feed a family of four for a week and more. As John F. Kennedy once said, "One person can make a difference and everyone should try." Here is your chance to light up a life.

Look for the sale table of bracelets and other items made by the VSHG mommas available for purchase at the Nyumbani Benefit in Washington D.C. Friday, September 30.

Give the Gift of Education

Would you like to sponsor a Nyumbani student for his or her high school education? Contact Perpetual Mueni, Coordinator for the Nyumbani Educational Sponsorship Program at sponsor@nyumbani.org. Perpetual will connect you with a student, and send you a bi-yearly letter from your student with a statement of academic progress. The hope is that educational sponsors can commit to four-year sponsorships to guarantee a student can finish secondary education. Sponsors are also needed for post-high school studies. Perpetual can show you and your family how to help make a Nyumbani child's dreams come true!

Erastus: A Young Man Who Touched My Life

By Dan Vicas, *KEST* traveler, *St. Albans School, Class of 2014*



Erastus with a CNN glass his sponsor Karen Orrick sent.

As we drove along the bumpy, red-dirt roads of rural Kenya on our way to Nyumbani Village, I reflected on how any child could hope to overcome the many obstacles that poverty deals out.

The odds of one of them attending a university in Nairobi seemed insurmountable. About five miles from the Village, however, Lloydie Zaiser, the fearless leader of our KEST group, started to shout excitedly out the

window: “Erastus...everyone ... that’s Erastus!” I looked out and saw a young man, who had been walking for miles in the scorching heat on his way back to the Village. We pulled over and offered a ride. He was grinning from ear to ear as he greeted us—excited to hear we were Americans.

Lloydie explained that Erastus was a special young man who was one of the first children to settle in the Village with his sho-sho [one of the grandmothers of the Village caring for the children there]. Against all odds, Erastus had worked very hard to catch up in school, and a former KEST traveler, Karen Orrick, had sponsored Erastus for his first year of study at the Aeronautic College of Nairobi. Erastus told me how grateful he was for this opportunity, and how he dreamed of being an international news correspondent.

He was charming, intelligent and had a positive attitude towards life. It made us realize how lending someone a hand in life can have a huge impact on his or her future. Erastus comes from an extremely disadvantaged background, but he is doing everything in his power to be a successful, honorable man. Many children in Kenya are not lucky enough to have someone who believes in them the way Karen believed in Erastus.

Now he has a new fan club. My family keeps in touch regularly by facebook. His posts and emails bring us great joy as we hear about the progress he is making in his studies. Our family decided not to exchange gifts last Christmas, but instead to pay for Erastus’ university this year. We have so much and he asks for little—

it made us happy to think he would not have to worry about getting schooling for another year.

Erastus is an inspiration because he was not willing to give up even though his biological parents were no longer

around; he has made the decision to flourish. My sister is back in Kenya this summer with KEST, and I am jealous. I can’t wait to go back and see him. Then again, maybe he will eventually make it to America, and we can see him on CNN!

A Place of Positive Attitude

By John Mike D’Agostino

As the great-nephew of Father Angelo D’Agostino, I grew up hearing stories about my uncle’s mission and work in Kenya. From August 2010 to February 2011 I had the opportunity to fulfill my dreams of contributing to Father D’Ag’s vision by volunteering at Nyumbani Village. My primary role was as volunteer coordinator, which means my responsibilities were giving tours of the Village to visitors and volunteers, preparing accommodations in the guest house and assigning jobs to volunteers.

In this position, I had the opportunity to get to know every Village staff member. The resulting friendships greatly impacted my experience. For example, one person that befriended me was a security guard working for the Village. This man walked 90 minutes each way to work and earned about 6,000 shillings per month (\$75). His home was a small 15-foot by 10-foot shack constructed of bricks made from the dirt on his land. I was lucky enough to share a few meals of rice, beans and chicken at his home (which was quite a sacrifice for his family). Although he had little compared to people in the United States, he was grateful for the many blessings he had, including his wife and three daughters.

A second person that touched my heart was a child of the Village, who was finishing up his senior year in secondary school. Each weekend for a month, he called me to ask when I was coming to visit him at his secondary school, which was located an hour’s drive from the Village. When at last I arrived, he told me how he had never met his father and his mother died of AIDS while he was in second grade. He lived in his home with no guardian throughout grade school while scrapping for bits of food and the money he needed for necessities for himself and his younger brother. To attend secondary school, which is a significant cost for most Kenyans, he approached a local government official and pleaded for support. Based on his high performance in school, he was admitted and is now preparing to attend a university next year. All he wanted was advice for success, and all I could offer was to stress that he should continue to believe in himself and never let anyone tell him he could not succeed. I reiterated the importance of education in opening doors for the future, but he already knew this: Here was a young man who managed against great odds to get into school. I was moved by his dedication, and I encouraged him to continue to seek advice from mentors.

Overall, what impressed me most about the Village was the vision of those who built and run this community as well as the dedication to self-sustainability that is part of that vision. The sustainability department is already succeeding in creating an economic infrastructure that will enable the Village to part ways from Western aid in the future. Every decision made in the Village considers the need to support that sustainability— from organic crops that enrich the soil for future harvests to solar power.

What I took with me from my experience in Kenya is an optimism, but uncertainty for the future of Kenya. The country is not only struggling to balance the ancient tribal customs with the ways of the modern world, but it is also facing forms of corruption that are limiting infrastructure growth. On the other hand, the government has made education a major priority and the results are encouraging for future progress. This being said, there is one fact about which I’m certain: Nyumbani Village is a special place full of loving people implementing innovative ideas and techniques that I believe will provide a model of hope for the future of parts of Kenya and Africa.



John Mike D’Ag with a malnourished child just brought to the Village.

COGRF 18th Annual Nyumbani Benefit can Transform Lives

Nyumbani's USA Board of Directors is pleased to be returning to Washington's Ritz Carlton Hotel for the 18th Annual Nyumbani Benefit Dinner & Auction—*Transforming Lives*. The theme was chosen as a way to celebrate the fact that when the effort first began, the children of Nyumbani were condemned to an early death by the tragic circumstances of their birth. Today, however, over 100 children at the Home, over 700 children and 70 seniors at the Village, and over 3,000 children in Lea Toto benefit directly every day from the largess of people around the world who refuse to stand by and let them die.

The location of the dinner, the Ritz Carlton, is the winner of the AAA Five Diamond Award every year since it opened in 2000. It has been cited by *Travel + Leisure* as one of the 500 Best Hotels in the World.

The event will begin with a gala cocktail reception in the hotel's elegant lower

level foyer. Nyumbani Executive Director, Sister Mary Owens, will be on hand to greet guests as they arrive, and an array of imported and unique items will be set out for sale, including handcrafted articles from Kenya and other African countries. In addition, an extensive collection of silent auction items has been assembled. In recognition of the evening's theme, a video produced by Shamus Fatzinger will be presented. (See Shamus' blog at <http://randomvariation.wordpress.com/>)

During the evening's programs, several people whose efforts have transformed the lives of the children of Nyumbani will be honored, including two people from Becton-Dickinson (Gary Cohen and Krista Thompson) and one from Alliance Biosciences (Ryan Burnette), who have helped the lab become operational and obtain certification; one person from Johnson & Johnson (Conrad Person), who has helped Nyumbani in multiple ways; and the winner of The John and Patty

Noel Humanitarian Award (Barbara Albert), which honors outstanding individuals or organizations dedicated to fighting poverty, disease and ignorance. (See story on award winners, next page).

One of the evening highlights is an update by Sister Mary, who will outline for attendees the past year's achievements, including the construction of the new laboratory building in Karen. She will also outline her goals for the coming year.

Another highlight is popular auctioneer John Paul Womble, who will return this year to oversee the live auction portion of the program.

Friday, September 30 will be an evening to re-



Auctioneer John Paul Womble returns to lead the auction proceedings.

Auction Reaches New Heights

Each year the COGRF Auction Committee is challenged with bringing a unique and rewarding experience that can surpass the year before. And each year, committee members are humbled by how many Nyumbani friends generously donate time and treasures to the silent and live auctions. This year is no exception.

Here is a quick preview of what's being offered this year. Look to the Web or come to the event for the full list:

- ◆ A five-day day safari plus a two-day stay in Nairobi care of Micato Safaris;
- ◆ A gift certificate for a masterpiece portrait on canvas photographed at the St. Regis Hotel, New York City with hand-painted detailing and a one-night stay the day of the photography session;
- ◆ Tickets to a live taping of The McLaughlin Group public affairs program. The winners will meet and get a photograph with the panelists John McLaughlin, Pat Buchanan, Eleanor Clift, Clarence Page and Mort Zuckerman.
- ◆ Dinner and discussion with Sister Mary before she heads back to Kenya.
- ◆ A David Yurman silver necklace from his Renaissance Collection.

Returning favorites this year include a one-week stay at a private home in Costa Rica and two separate one-week stays at Lookout Cove, Jamaica. Also, artwork by the children of Nyumbani will be on display and available for bidding.

In addition to these items, companies and individuals have donated outings, entertainment packages, tickets to local sporting events, hotel stays, household items and much more.

For 2011, the silent auction will take advantage of the latest in bidding technol-



ogy: guests will receive an electronic handheld bidding device to place and monitor bids on items anytime during the bidding process. This will give enthusiastic bidders more time for catching up with friends and enjoying the reception.

Items up for bid in the live auction will be viewable on a big screen in the dining room while the bidding is going on, and items for both the silent and live auctions will be available for preview via the handheld device. The committee is offering this new way of viewing so that attendees can see what they are bidding on without having to find the items displayed in the room or take time from socializing. The items will, however, remain a focal point of the cocktail hour.

To take full advantage of the technology, attendees can scan credit cards upon check-in so that at evening's end, they can breeze through the checkout. Aiding in the processes are volunteers from Georgetown University and George Washington University.

Auction planners have also dipped their toes into the world of the Web by offering online bidding for friends and supporters who are either unable to attend the event in person or just want to buy more than one evening allows. To support the children via the Web, visit www.biddingforgood.com/nyumbani from Sept. 19 through Oct. 3.

Join others, either at the benefit or via the website, where together, we can transform lives.

The 2011 Nyumbani Honorees

Nyumbani gives recognition each year to those who have made a significant difference in Nyumbani efforts. We asked each of this year's honorees how and why they became involved in the Nyumbani programs. Here's what they said:

Gary Cohen, executive vice president of BD (Becton-Dickinson and Company): I was introduced to Nyumbani by Lorna Macleod of AmericaShare, whose cousin works for BD, and by John Noel. My first visit to Nyumbani in 2004 left a deep impression on me and established paths that continue to this day. I had the honor of meeting Father D'Agostino and was deeply moved by his tenacity and unstoppable commitment to the children of Nyumbani, which today is pursued with equal vigor by Sister Mary.

I also met a young orphan named Eunice at Nyumbani that day. She was not a resident of the Nyumbani Home, but rather a young girl who needed help. That day I decided to support Eunice, and I have been doing so ever since. The photos I took of Nyumbani on that first visit have been put to important use in educating and informing people from all walks of life about the realities of children living with HIV/AIDS, and how life-saving and loving care from Nyumbani enables these children not only to survive but also to thrive. I've shown the contrasting images of vibrant Nyumbani children in the playground against the Nyumbani graveyard to make it abundantly clear how imperative Nyumbani's mission and work

are and included these photos in presentations to audiences such as the World Bank, the United Nations General Assembly, the World Economic Forum, UNICEF and others. One is of the Nyumbani laboratory, which I've used to indicate that necessary diagnostic and treatment capabilities can be established in virtually any setting to save the lives of children living with HIV/AIDS. I'm very pleased to be supporting Nyumbani both personally and professionally with my colleagues at BD. The new laboratory is truly world class in

every respect. It demonstrates that Sister Mary and the staff at Nyumbani will do whatever is needed to save and enhance the lives of the children.

Krista Thompson, vice president/general manager Global Health for BD: As a medical technologist by training, I have always been impressed with the quality of lab services provided for the Nyumbani children. When Sister Mary told me they needed to build a new laboratory to expand the types of tests available, I knew that BD needed to help make it happen.



The new lab required expertise in facility design and biosafety standards we don't provide as a company, but I knew someone who did. Just one call to Ryan Burnette at Alliance Biosciences was all it took to get his company interested in helping. I am deeply grateful to the Alliance Biosciences team for all they did to help design the lab and ensure it will pass requirements to be accredited. Few labs on the continent have attained this level of quality, and Nyumbani will once again demonstrate leadership in providing the best care. These children deserve it and to have helped is an honor.

Ryan Burnette, director of Alliance Biosciences: BD and my company, Alliance Biosciences, were working on another lab-related effort when Krista Thompson notified me of a lab in Kenya that needed guidance on new facilities for HIV testing and TB diagnostics. We were eager to help. I reached out to Nyumbani and offered assistance, not knowing the full story of the Nyumbani programs. A few weeks later, Sister Mary was in Washington D.C., and I met with her to obtain details. Our meeting was inspirational, but I realized Alliance would not be able to help Nyumbani under our normal business model. We were disappointed. Several weeks later, I had a conference in Nairobi, Kenya, and traveled out early to visit Nyumbani, see the existing lab, and talk about the new requirements. I ditched the hotel and stayed at the orphanage to spend time with staff and children. By now, I knew this place would be at the front of my mind for the rest of my life. I made the decision to donate 100 percent of our design efforts to ensure the lab would be a state-of-the-art facility.

And so our working relationship began. Over the next few months, this project consumed the hearts and minds of our company, and the lab became a reality. Alliance worked with the architect in Kenya to make sure the lab met World Health Organization (WHO) standards, and we investigated accreditation. I am beyond happy to say that, the lab is now completed, and our employees have traveled to Kenya to certify the new lab, train the workers on WHO biosafety standards and begin the accreditation process that will bring Nyumbani peerless notoriety in Eastern Africa. We will be there as long as it takes!

Conrad Person, director, Corporate Contributions, Johnson & Johnson, and sponsor of Elizabeth Wanjohi from the Nyumbani Home: My relationship with Nyumbani reminds me of a morning spent in a garden. You look out your window or door at your garden and see a few things that need to be done—a climbing plant needs support or another has its view of the sun obscured. If you love that garden, you put down your coffee cup to spend a pleasant mo-

ment doing something to improve things. When you glance at your watch later, you can't believe so much time has passed, and you are surprised to feel not tired, but refreshed. You look up to see others working beside you—family and friends, each wanting to be there and showing their individual talents. That, too, energizes you.

Such has been the five years I have known Sister Mary and the people of Nyumbani. I heard of Nyumbani when the orphanage won the Johnson & Johnson MEDS Miconazole Award for their outstanding HIV treatment efforts with the Lea Toto program. Later, we funded furnishings for homes at the Village. We were able to attract the attention of Princeton in Africa, which approved sending Chris Courtin to the Village for a year-long fellowship that resulted in a remarkably sustainable new source of water.

As with my garden on a Saturday morning, I don't feel tired in pursuing Nyumbani's growth. I feel refreshed and encouraged because I see others who are as dedicated to this cause as I am.

Barbara Albert (winner of the John & Patty Noel Humanitarian Award): My older brother teaches his children that when someone asks you to do a favor you should never ask *why*, but rather ask yourself if there is any good reason *why not*?

This is how I became involved with Nyumbani. After leading safari guests for Micato Safaris for four years and then becoming a wife and mother of three beautiful healthy children, I wanted to give back. I was already in love with Kenya and its people and decided to focus my efforts there. It started with lecturing in schools and doing clothing and school supply drives through Micato Safaris' charitable arm AmericaShare. I sent thousands of articles of clothing and enough supplies to fill a school to Kenya, but it didn't feel like enough—especially after visiting the orphaned children in the Mukuru slum.

My goal became to get as many children out of that slum and into boarding schools as I could, which I did thanks to the support of my family and friends. I also started to raise funds for a permanent home for some of these children, but the laws in Kenya did not allow this plan to come to fruition. I started to explore my options. AmericaShare's Lorna Macleod approached me about the need to build a laboratory. Already knowing about the progressive work being done at Nyumbani and having met the amazing leader Sister Mary, I knew this is where I wanted my funds and efforts to go. Nyumbani is a place where modern medicine and the best of human kindness meet and care for our most vulnerable children. Hope lives there. And there is absolutely every reason *why* I should help and no good reason *why not*.



Dear Friends

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led to access to the 3rd line ARVs. We welcomed a group of business leaders, who first visited Lea Toto Kibera and then came to the Nyumbani Home where, as a team, they painted our nursery school.

Co-curricular activities for our children rank very high in our service as a means of developing their personalities and self-esteem. Wasn't I the proud "mother" as I watched our scouts parade at the National Makadara Day Celebrations at Nyayo Stadium from the grandstand! Once again Hotcourses Primary School excelled in sports, music and drama at the provincial competitions with one footballer reaching national level. Lawson High School also made its mark in sports, and students patiently wait for their new sports field to be completed, a gift from a UK donor. Our students who await admission to tertiary level training had an exciting experience when Glocal

Films spent ten days teaching them to shoot films. You can see the fruits of their learning on our website www.nyumbani.org—Vimeo link.

Nyumbani has been featured in the local media recently with a clip on resistance testing and 3rd line ARV treatment on one of the TV channels, an article on the same subject in *The Seed* magazine and another to come in a local daily. I had the opportunity to speak at the Rotary International Conference in Dublin in April and made many contacts, including a link with Merck staff, which led to access to that company's 3rd line ARV do-

nation. Father D'Agostino's vision always included creating awareness and communicating accurate information about HIV to dispel ignorance, fear, stigma and discrimination. The media offers a powerful medium for this as we seek to have all in our world realize that HIV is simply a medical condition.

I ask you to join with us in this endeavor, which is especially significant now as our young adults reintegrate into the wider community.

May God bless each one,

Sister Mary

Please note that the address for sending donations by check in the U.S. has changed to:

**Children of God Relief Fund, Inc.
c/o Crowell & Moring, LLP
1001 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20004**

Donations via the website can be made at www.nyumbani.org/us_donate.htm.

Have you visited or volunteered at Nyumbani in the past 10 years? If so, we want you to be part of our "Visitors and Volunteers" outreach program. To join, please email your contact information to info@nyumbani.org, and we will be in touch soon. Many thanks to those of you who have contacted us so far!



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