



NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2011- MARCH 2012

Welcome to our October2011-March2012 newsletter!!

First of all, we welcome Sr. Rita Massawe who has joined the Centre to replace Sr. Catherine who left to go back to Singida, the headquarters of the Ursulan Sisters. We take this opportunity to thank Sr. Catherine who has done a marvelous work in managing the Centre. The children and those who have worked with her will definitely miss her. Sr. Rita brings along a world of experience having worked in Tanzania and abroad. We wish Sr. Rita all the best in her challenging role so that the Centre and the children continue to prosper.



Sister Rita Massawe, the new Sister-in-Charge of the Centre

CHILDREN AT THE CENTRE

In this newsletter we feature Bahati. Bahati means lucky in Kiswahili. Bahati is lucky because although he was abandoned by his father when just a baby of 3-4 months, he was rescued by villagers who took him to the police and eventually he was brought to the Centre. Bahati is now a thriving child and a pleasure to have at the Centre.



Bahati is a candidate for adoption in the future but meanwhile he will need a good education foundation which relies on the support of sponsors.

LIFE AT THE CENTRE

Although the nuns are able to manage the workload of caring for the children, having the support of outsiders such as the volunteers and visitors to assist in feeding and entertaining the children is always viewed as a great help to these permanent caregivers. Also the different people who interact with the children in many different ways assist in enhancing the life of these children.

Visit our website www.ngaleku.org for contacts on how you can become a volunteer or a visitor to the Centre.



Sr. Hildegard preparing children for the classes & Geoff Gaskell & Sr. Christine playing with the children

Among recent volunteers were four students from the University of Dar es Salaam who are training in Early Childhood Development. The young volunteers brought along their cultural knowledge of child care and may also gain some parenting skills which are important for their own future lives as parents.



From left: Mwanaidi Said, Nuru Lwaho, Sophia Samila & Lucy Kiria from the University of Dar es Salaam; and Hannah Schurmann from Australia

Easter season was celebrated in style. Karen Webster, a volunteer from Australia organized the painting of Easter eggs assisted by Anju and Hannah and some of the nuns from the Centre.



Volunteers Anju Lavina and Hannah Schumann busy preparing Easter eggs for the children.

As the Centre becomes better known to people within the country and abroad, we continue to have more visitors and volunteers who have all contributed to the welfare of the children.

THE CENTRE'S PROJECT ACTIVITIES

While the Centre continues to benefit from the dairy cows, the new addition to the Centre's animal kingdom are the pigs. The piggery is supported by the Dutch Foundation and began operation in April with 11 females and 5 males. One of the sows has just produced a litter of 7 piglets as seen in the picture below.



FOSTERING AND ADOPTION

The Centre continues to look for parents who are interested in fostering and adopting children from the Centre. One of the first children to be legally fostered is living happily with a family in Arusha. Another child is in foster care and the process of adoption is under way.

EDUCATION OF CHILDREN FROM THE CENTRE

The Centre has opened an Education Trust account to support children whose relatives are unable to pay for their education. So far, the Dutch Foundation and the Ursulan Order of Sisters are the main donors in supporting the education of the Centre's children but we look forward to hearing from other interested people or groups who may want to donate specifically for education including those children from the Centre who have returned to their families.

You can form a relationship with one of the children by visiting the Kids Gallery page on the Cornel Ngaleku Children Centre website www.ngaleku.org which has a photo and a brief history of each child.

MAINTAINING CONNECTIONS WITH THE CENTRE

The Centre has had volunteers who some have been good ambassadors abroad for the Centre. Geoff Gaskell who is the Secretary to the Centre's Board of Trustees and also assists with fundraising and Frederica Gaskell who is the Coordinator had the opportunity to catch up with some of the Australian volunteers and donors while on their holidays in Australia recently.



Geoff and Frederica Gaskell with 'Witty Knitters' from Adelaide, Australia who have made clothes and toys for the children

OTHER NEWS:

- We thank our visitors who participated on the Centre's Open Day on May and brought along their families and friends. Your pledges to continue assisting the Centre in many different ways is very much appreciated.
- We thank the students from Wheaton College, USA who came to Tanzania to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro through the company Snow Cup Ltd visited the Centre.
- We say ***KWAHERI*** and ***KARIBU TENA*** to our volunteers Hannah Schurmann, Anju Lavina, Karen Webster, Mwanaidi Said, Nuru Lwaho, Sophia Samila & Lucy Kiria who were our latest volunteers.
- We welcome new volunteers Olga Jansen and Eline van Baal from the Netherlands who joined the Centre in September 2011 and expected to finish in December.

Become a friend of the Centre by joining the CNCC facebook and share with other friends your knowledge and personal experience at the Centre and how others can help, especially by referral to the website www.ngaleku.org.

DONATIONS can be sent to the Cornel Ngaleku Children Centre accounts at:

National Microfinance Bank (Tanzania Shillings Acct)
Clocktower Branch Arusha
Account. No:408660081

& **I & M Bank** (US Dollar Acct)
Arusha Branch
Acct. No. 2520000038
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