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"However, if you fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself' you are doing well." James 2:8

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE FOUNDATION...

Our Dear Friends
and Supporters:



You are receiving this newsletter because you have already shown support for our effort to construct and develop a general Catholic cardiac hospital in Tanzania, or you are being apprised of what we are doing in the hopes you will consider supporting our effort. We want you to be aware of our status and needs at this time.

In these challenging economic times all projects like this one, regardless how noble and how needed, tend to struggle as they face and share the economic challenges many throughout the world are experiencing. Our sisters and brothers in Africa may feel these challenges even more, as the little relief and support they receive seems to diminish in times like these.

If anything, this has given us a renewed commitment to carry through and accomplish our goal. We need your prayers; we need your financial support. Whatever you can do will be both needed and appreciated. In particular we need significant support as we move ahead. If you can make a larger gift, it will bring our dream even closer to reality.

We thank you for anything you can do to help us.

Prayerfully Yours, Robert C. Lang, President,
Tanzanian Cardiac Hospital Foundation, Inc.

Visit our web site at:
www.tanzaniacardiachospital.org

Our organization is committed to building a hospital specializing in heart disease as well as the treatment of other chronic diseases.

Our goal is to raise money to build a Catholic cardiac and general hospital to allow our human family in Tanzania to raise their children without fear of death.

Father Mark Mlay, a member of our Board of Directors and our Spiritual Director, meets with some of the Sisters who may staff the hospital!



Sisters of Our Lady of Usambara (COLU) & Sisters of Our Lady of Kilimanjaro Slated to Staff Hospital...

The priestly community of the Apostolic Life Fathers (ALCP/OSS) has agreed to administer the hospital, as they currently administer several health and educational institutions in Tanzania.

The ALCP fathers are in negotiations with the above named communities of sisters to provide staffing, including nurses and some doctors.

PARISHES SUPPORT OUR EFFORT...

The Tanzanian Cardiac Hospital Foundation, Inc. has engaged in three successful parish appeals. St. Bernadette Catholic Church (Port Saint Lucie, FL), St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church (Londonville, NY), and St. Lucie Catholic Church (Port Saint Lucie, FL) have all welcomed us and taken a collection for our cause. We have been well received in the parishes.

FATHER MARK WITH ST. BERNADETTE PRIESTS...



Catholics understand the need and are willing to support our efforts to bring a Catholic cardiac hospital to the people of Tanzania. God has called us to tend to the least of our brothers and sisters in their time of need. We thank Father Victor Ulto, Father David Noone & Father Mark Szanyi, the respective pastors of the above churches, for welcoming our foundation.

FATHER MARK GREETES PARISHIONERS AT ST. LUCIE...



We hope to continue our parish appeals in the fall. If you feel your church would be open to an appeal, please contact our office at (772) 359-9085 or e-mail us -- tancarhp@bellsouth.net

May God bless all our supporters!

MENDING HEARTS IN TANZANIA...

Dr. R. Duane Cook, a cardiothoracic surgeon with the Ocala (FL) Heart Institute, who also operates at Martin Memorial Hospital in South Florida, has led a 16-member team of volunteers from across Florida to Tanzania in East Africa for the past five years.

The team repairs hearts damaged by rheumatic fever, an illness that has disappeared in the United States and other developed countries, but remains a problem in Africa. The team also trains local doctors and nurses in operating techniques that will improve the prospects of a good surgical outcome. The cost to send the team to Tanzania for two weeks exceeds \$50,000, but is covered by sponsors from the business and medical worlds, as well as cash donations. Dr. Cook and his team are making a difference in bringing cardiac care to the people of Tanzania. Much more is needed, however.

Dr. Cook and his associate Dr James C. Thornton, of the Martin Memorial cardiac staff, have expressed interest in our endeavor to build a cardiac hospital in Moshi, Tanzania.



Dr. Cook has five years of practical experience in establishing an open heart surgery program in Moshi; he is presently planning a project to perform open heart surgery at the Kilimanjaro Medical Center in Moshi.

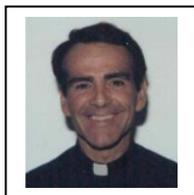
We are in discussions and presently in the process of setting up a meeting with Dr. Cook to consult how we can make our own vision a reality. Dr. Cook's vast understanding of the local Tanzanian resources and his medical expertise may prove invaluable to our project.

In the next issue we will provide an update on our meeting with Dr. Cook.

TCHF ADDS TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS...

The Foundation has added two members to the Board of Directors, both of whom bring a variety of skills and experiences.

REVEREND JOHN J. MERICANTANTE



Reverend John J. Mericantante is a priest of the Diocese of Palm Beach, Florida, and the pastor of St. Mary Catholic Church in Pahokee.

A native of Massachusetts, Father John was educated at the North American College Seminary in Rome, Italy, and originally ordained for the Archdiocese of Boston in 1975. While a Boston priest he served for three years as a missionary to the poor of Chile. He became fluent in the Spanish language.

He has received numerous awards for his humanitarian efforts throughout his years of service, including the O'Higgins Award from the government of Chile; the Distinguished Layman Award from the Florida Medical Association; the Andrew O'Connell Award from Catholic Charities; the Outstanding Leadership Award from the Florida Department of Health; and most recently the Ruth Wedgeworth Humanitarian Award.

EDWARD LAUGHLIN



Edward Laughlin is the President and Founder of Partners in Stewardship for Life, LLC. A native of rural Illinois, Ed holds degrees from Valparaiso University, the University of Georgia, and Michigan State University.

He is married to the former April A. Ide, and they have four children ranging in age from 22 to 31, and two grandchildren. The Laughlins have lived and worked in six countries and six of the United States.

After a 17 year career as a teacher, coach, and school administrator, Ed has worked for the Catholic Church for many years. His current company (Partners in Stewardship) provides consultation services to Catholic parishes and schools.

On a national level Ed served ten years on the Board of Directors of the International Catholic Stewardship Council and was awarded the Bishop Connare Award for Distinguished Service in 1997.

It is almost impossible for children, or for that matter anyone in need of cardiac surgery, to receive treatment in Tanzania. The following article reflects some of the steps people take to provide assistance. A hospital similar to the one we are striving to build would address the problem where it exists—in Tanzania.

15 Children Leave for Heart Surgery in India...

By Joseph Mwendapole

Fifteen children left recently for an all-expenses-paid heart surgery in India under an arrangement facilitated by the Lions Club of Dar es Salaam in collaboration with the Regency Medical Centre (RMC) and the Rodney Mutie Mengi Foundation.

The children are expected to undergo the specialized treatment at the Narayana Hrudayalaya Heart Institute in Bangalore.

Speaking at the airport shortly before the children's departure, Mengi stated: "If the Almighty God blessed you, please show some appreciation by helping others because you have got whatever you have thanks to His blessings," adding that "Whoever is given wealth must donate some of it to others."



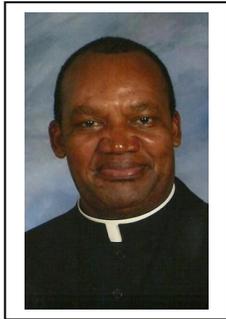
In his vote of thanks, Dr. Rajni Kanabar of the Lions Club said: "We are very thankful to Mr Reginald Mengi, IPP Executive Chairman and Chairman of the Rodney Mutie Mengi Foundation, whose kind donation will cover the cost of five heart surgeries and return air tickets for two people."

Kanabar also made special mention of "all anonymous well-wishers and donors who have silently contributed for the subsidized heart surgery of the children." One anonymous donor gave \$7,360 for heart surgeries and another \$800 for one valve, he said.

SOURCE: Guardian Newspaper

A LETTER FROM OUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR...

REVEREND MARK MLAY, ALCP/OSS



Dear friends and supporters of the Tanzanian Cardiac Hospital Foundation,

Many Easter greetings of hope from the Risen Lord, a hope most needed, especially in this time of great financial crisis. Easter is a season when we celebrate the passing of our Lord Jesus Christ from suffering and death to new life. It is a season that concludes that night of Golgotha-- death and burial. It is a season we celebrate the lost Paradise restored. May everyone experience the realization of this mystery of Christ in one's life.

I would also like to express my deep gratitude for the financial and moral support that you have afforded to the foundation from its very beginning and for your trust and confidence.

The aim and goal of the foundation is to raise money for the construction of a Catholic cardiac hospital in my home country Tanzania, a country in East Africa with more than 40 million people, but unfortunately without a cardiac hospital in the entire country. To achieve this goal, the foundation aims at raising 2 million dollars. TCHF is doing this work in collaboration with the Apostolic Life Community of Priests, a congregation based in Moshi, Tanzania of which I am a member. This congregation is involved in the promotion of poor people's health and education. For the past two years the Tanzanian Cardiac Hospital Foundation has been busy with the attainment of documents to be a non-profit corporation under U.S. law, the acquisition of land for the construction of the hospital, and the organization of its board for the beginning of the fund-raising. Thanks to the support and help of many, this work has come to success.

In spite of our accomplishments to date, we are still far from achieving our financial goal.

At first it was the hope of the organization that it would get major donors to get the project moving quickly. This, however, has yet to occur. Hence we appeal again to you for your prayers and financial support. Be part of the team by offering suggestions and support of any kind.

Yours Sincerely in the Risen Lord,
Mark Mlay ALCP/OSS
Spiritual Director to the TCHF



One perspective of our new hospital!!!



What does the future hold for these children?



"Whatever you do for these least ones of the Kingdom, you do for Me." *Matthew 25:40*