



NEWSLETTER

THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF KITETO

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Education is our priority.

Education in our diocese is considered to be the most significant means in transforming peoples spiritually, socially and economically.

Immediately after its establishment Bishop Isaiah Chambala spelt out that education was a priority, as he considered it to be the panacea to the widespread poverty, ignorance and disease in the diocese a fact supported by available government statistics.

The districts of Kiteto and Simanjiro, which form the diocese area, are home to the nomadic pastoral Masai and the Ndorobo a unique tribe of nomadic wild fruit, wild roots and wild honey gatherers. The people of the two tribes which make up over 60% of the entire area population are mostly uneducated. Most of them still shun school and have a strong desire to preserve their traditions and culture. They are very resistant to change.

Illiteracy is widespread in the area estimated at 70%, with most of them wallowing in poverty. Preventable and treatable diseases still claim many innocent lives.



THEIR FUTURE LIES SOMEWHERE IN THE HANDS OF THEIR PARENTS ON ONE HAND AND ON THE OTHER THE GOVERNMENT IS RESPONSIBLE BUT WHO CAN PROTECT THEIR RIGHT IS ONLY GOD THROUGH THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY MUCH MORE IT IS AN OBLIGATION OF THE CHURCH TO DO EXCUSE TO ACT UPON ON AN IMMEDIATE SITUATION LIKE THIS WHERE THERE IS NO SCHOOL MEANS NO FORMAL EDUCATION THE FUTURE OF THESE INNOCENT CHILDREN IS BLOCKED BY OUR SELFISHNESS AND NO CARE SPIRIT FOR THE NEEDY. OUR DIOCESE HENCE RISES AND CALLS FOR JOINT EFFORT TO ESTABLISH A SCHOOL AT LOSKITO SO THAT WE CAN RESCURE THESE CHILDREN. THEY ARE HAPPY BECAUSE THEY HAVE AN INSTINCT THAT TEACHES THEM TO RELY ON WHO SURROUND THEM.

MAMA ASKOFU (THE BISHOP'S WIFE) FAR BEHIND DRESSES IN A MOTHERS UNION UNIFORM SHE IS INCHARGE OF NURSERY SCHOOLS IN THE DIOCESE SHE HAS STARTED A CLASS FOR THESE CHILDREN AS THE DIOCESE PLANS TO ESTABLISH A PRE-AND PRIMARY SCHOOL AT THIS VILLAGE. THE COMMUNITY HAVE AGREED TOGETHER WITH THE BISHOP THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL DO SOME BASIC CONTRIBUTION, TOWARDS ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SCHOOL.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE OBLIGATION IS HUMAN AND DIVINE SINCE WE ARE ALL CALLED TO SERVICE, WE ARE NOT OBLIGED BY FORCIBL TYRANY BUT BY LOVE AND COMPASSION..

for the diocese's decision to establish a number of educational institutions in partnership with the local community and support from friends abroad in development.

The Kiteto Infants and Primary School.

In 2006, the diocese establish an English medium school in Kibaya town, the districts headquarters so as to offer an opportunity to children to learn on how to read and write and to advance themselves as far as they wish. The decision was and still is a response to the dire need for education in the area historically neglected in a number of social services, education inclusive.



A SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR OF CHILDREN ARE SINGING AT THE CATHEDRAL; THESE BOARDING SCHOOL CHILDREN MOST OF THEM ARE SPONSORED BY THEIR FRIENDS ABROAD

Illiteracy in the area is widespread with most of the people uneducated particularly the populace nomadic Masai and Ndorobo people.

Since its establishment our Infants and Primary school have been progressively expanding in terms of buildings, academic staff and educational related facilities. Today we have six classrooms, staff office a library, a boarding facility, for boys and girls, toilets, dinning hall, storeroom, kitchen and the school has an enrolment of 101 pupils from 40 pupils four years ago. We have a strong staff of seven qualified teachers who run all the academic activities to excellence. Enrolment is planned to increase from the present 101 pupils to 150 pupils next year.

Our big challenge is shortage of funds to run the school sustainably as the current budget of 40,000,000 has a deficit of 16,000,000 required to be raised from external sources.

In addition to he Infants and Primary school, the diocese is planning to establish a primary school at Losikito a home for the nomadic Masai who have been sensitized and mobilized contribute towards the construction of the school buildings. The have positively responded by contributing 700,000/ T shillings and goods in kind valued at 465,000/=.

Also the diocese is planning to build a primary school at Ngababa, a home to the Ndorobo people so as to offer an opportunity to their children to get primary school education. We expect to run the school in partnership with the government.

Mtetemela Secondary School and Teachers Training College.

In 2009 we established a secondary school and teachers training college facilities formerly used for vocational training and residential facilities.

We are renovating the buildings to the quality specifications as required by the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training to quality for registration. We are almost through with renovations and paper work ready for submission to the ministry. The secondary and teachers college have an enrolment of 62 students and 23 students respectively, with a planned capacity of 160 students for the college and 180 students for the secondary school.

Theological Training College

We offer theological training at certificate and diploma level. This year our certificate and diploma students sat for exams administered by Saint John's University and all certificate students passed, and two diploma students also passed the exams. This has won our theological college a recognition by the Saint Johns University.

Our plans are to expand and empower it by recruiting more staff as well as add more buildings and seek registration for university level courses.

We face a number of challenges but our big challenge is lack of funds to execute our plans.

Hunger Prevention and Food Storage Project.

In the farming season of 2009/2010, we introduced a hunger prevention and food storage project which involved pastors and evangelists. Using funds donated by our friends the Tanzania Church Partnership Association (UK), we bought maize seeds which were issued to 50 pastors and 145 evangelists enough for two acres (pastors) and one acre evangelists. They were also given cash money enough to hire tractors to plough two acres for pastors and one acre for evangelists.

The project has been very successful as each pastor has harvested ten 100 kilogram bags of maize worth 200,000 T- shillings and 100,000 T- shillings respectively. The project has assured the pastors and evangelists a relief from famine which in the years before used to be a common scene.

The hunger prevention and food storage project is expected to be extended to the community, by sensitizing and inseminating to them the basic modern farming methods that will guarantee an increase in farm production. Also we expect to mobilize and assist communities in the construction of storage facilities to preserve and free their crops from pests infestation, as well as teach them to operate on a family food budget. Our plans in this project is for each parish to have a food storage facility to cater for the community, spacious enough for each family to store a minimum of three bags of cereals.

The aim of this project is to free our communities from hunger which pesters most families because our people still lack basic knowledge and skills in modern farming methods, food storage and family food budgeting.

The big challenge that we face is lack of funds to execute our planned activities in this project. We are asking for support from all the people who perceive and appreciate our efforts and desire.