

Serving Others With Love



The concept of “the Other” is a complex and interesting one. It is complex because it is hard to pinpoint exactly what it means and even if we strive to do so, “the other” is constantly changing. It is interesting because in some way we are all “others” to someone, and everyone else is “other” to us. However, we cannot get away from the concept of “the other”,

as it is too crucial for an understanding of the self. What we can do, though, is to limit the ways in which we group people and construct them as something entirely different from an imagined “us”. The world is viewed in the form of a pyramid with the ones on the bottom serving those on the top. And people long for that top spot because the world promises joy to those who sit there. In this perspective, success, greatness, and happiness are found in winning out over others. What if true happiness is not found in authority over others – but instead, is found in living our lives for others? In Genesis 1:27, we read that, “God created man in his own image. . .” The *imago Dei* is apparent in the fact that if humans are to love God, then humans must love other humans, as each is an expression of God. Realizing this, Salvatorians as the followers of Blessed Francis Jordan are committed to share the Gospel of Jesus with others by loving, living, learning, and teaching. “Love one another.” “Care for one another.” “Pray for one another.” “Encourage one another.” “Help one another.” “Support one another” These are the proper ways of manifesting God’s glory on earth.

With peace and joy, I would like to thank my Provincial and his council, the Mission board members, USA-Salvatorian Family, Bishops, Benefactors, and Mission Directors of the different dioceses for their help and support of our missions.

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International Community of the Divine Saviors Celebrates Long Awaited Goal

The International Community of the Divine Savior (ICDS or Lay Salvatorians) has received approval from the Dicastery of the Laity, Family and Life and are now officially recognized by the church in Rome.

For many years and after much prayer, Lay Salvatorians from around the world are now recognized as official members of the Salvatorian Family. The celebration took place in Rome on February 8, 2023. The United States was represented by Lay Salvatorians Bobby Pantuso, Judy Davis, and Kenzia Drake.

For Lay Salvatorians this is great news, a time of thanksgiving and joy. They reflect on the long journey behind them, on all the people who have supported them by believing and acting and giving their time and their hearts so that they could reach their long-awaited goal.

For more information, visit their website: www.laysalvatorians.org.



Please consider helping in any way possible. Your tax-deductible donations are gratefully accepted at: Salvatorian Missions, Society of the Divine Savior, 1735 N Hi Mount Blvd. Milwaukee, WI 53208-1720

Reflections on Tanzania Encounter 2022

Kerry Gloede

When I left Tanzania in 2019 there were lots of tears (mostly mine)! I was sad that I was leaving and sad that I would never again see all the amazing people I met, but also tears of joy for what I thought was a once in a lifetime opportunity, for all the friendships, all the learning, and all the fun.

It took a few years, but “Baba” (Father) James Weyker SDS and I were back and with a family member I had never met, Mary. As I reflect on my few weeks in Tanzania, I think about all the new things I learned, the new places we visited, and the great changes in the parishes I visited the second time around. But two things really stuck out...

One was the people. The children at the schools laughing, singing, dancing and smiling were amazing! The dedicated teachers who work with large classes and sometimes with few teaching supplies. The Sisters who work in clinics, dispensaries, hospitals, schools, farms, and more. The Brothers who do amazing carpentry, run a radio station, build a social centre and guest rooms, work on farms and in fields, run clinics, serve as catechists, teach students about religious life, help in Parishes, and even help me brush up on the little Swahili I know! Then there are the Priests...who work in a variety of Parish types from City Parishes to village Parishes. They are not only responsible for their specific Parishes, but the schools, the clinics, the dispensaries, the out stations, parish councils, farms/fields and more! I continue to be awestruck by the amazing work being done by everyone in the Salvatorian community. It is both heartwarming and inspiring!

The second thing that stands out is the impact Salvatorian Missionaries have made and continue to make in Tanzania. I loved seeing the joy and excitement when everyone saw things that the USA Missionaries did. I loved hearing the stories from those who hunted with Fr. Jim.

It was the stories that start with, “I will never forget what you did for me/us...” that are so memorable. I saw the impacts and heard the stories in 2019, and I

continued to hear and see the impacts of USA Salvatorian Missionaries. God works in mysterious ways...I would never have thought that a random email in 2018 would lead to 2 trips to Tanzania and impacting my life in ways I could never have imagined!

Thanks to everyone in the Salvatorian family for the amazing hospitality, the safe (and sometimes speedy) driving, and the fun chats. I feel blessed to have met such great people and truly thankful for the new and old friendships.

Unless God has other plans for me, I look forward to visiting again!

Mary Beardsley and Kerry Gloede Unpacking school supplies in Tanzania



A Sister Parish in Tanzania

St. Pius X Salvatorian Parish in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, is happy to welcome a new sister parish in Nakapanya in southern Tanzania. Parishioners are looking forward to developing friendships and to supporting one another.

Catechists in front of the parish



Masasi Social Centre

Fundraising for this project has been a complete success and exceeded the fundraising goal! As of August 2022 (about 2 years after fundraising began), more than \$89,000 was raised for the construction of the Salvatorian Social Centre.



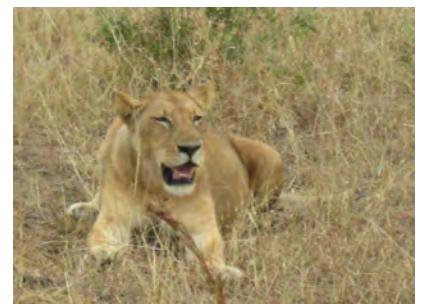
Furniture and supplies for the Social Centre were sent from the Mission Warehouse in New Holstein, Wisconsin.
 Mark Steiner (Director) email: director@salvatorianmissionwarehouse.com
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Tanzanian Encounter 2024

The Salvatorians of the USA province, in collaboration with the Salvatorians of the Tanzanian Pro-Province, are pleased to announce SDS Encounter Tanzania 2024. Participants will experience the grassroots reality of the church in Tanzania by sharing in the life and ministry of Salvatorian men and women, as well as the projects and ministry of other groups. The program is designed to be safe, challenging, and meaningful. Participants are guided by Tanzanian seminarians and brothers who will guide you into closer contact with the daily life of ordinary people.

Participants will learn about the language, customs, culture, and the Church in Tanzania with readings, discussion, speakers and day trips. The Encounter is available to individuals and groups. The approximate cost is \$4,500, which covers airfare from Chicago, government visas, all land travel in country, workshops, seminarian guides, meals and lodgings.



For more information about this trip contact: sdsmissions@salvatorians.com

Tanzania Begins Lay Salvatorian Formation

Fr. Boniface Mwashinga SDS and Sister Jane Ndumbaro SDS have been working with at least 45 people across the Tanzania who would like to become Lay Salvatorians. They have been in formation for close to two years and will soon make their commitment. There are active Lay Salvatorian groups in Kenya, Mozambique and DR of the Congo. This is the first group in Tanzania.

There have been several planning calls via zoom between the United States and Tanzania. Members on the calls are from



Tanzania: Sister Yasinta Kalla, Fr. Michael Tesha, Sister Jane Ndumbaro, Fr. Martin Boniface Mwashinga, Sister Elice Mchopa, and from the United States: Fr. John Tigatiga, Lay Salvatorians Jackie White, Sue Haertel, and Bobby Pantuso. Ideas are shared and encouragement given.

On September 2nd the Tanzanian Lay Candidates will gather in Dar es Salaam to make their commitment. Plans are being made for some Lay Salvatorians from the United States to join them in their celebration.

We welcome these new Salvatorians and say
"Mungu awabariki", May God Bless You.



Safe Water for Life a Dignity (SWLD)

Safe Water for Life and Dignity, SWLD, is a unique safe water development program designed to provide safe water to small rural villages in Tanzania. SWLD collaborates with villagers to build the well. Local villagers take ownership and share the water with all. The ring well design provides for a well that is long lasting. Each well can serve as many as 500-1000 people. With improved health comes new energy to develop a better quality of life that opens new opportunities. Girls may go to school, there may be water to irrigate more crops, water borne diseases are eliminated.

Former seminarians, who donate their time to bring clean water to the villages do not receive a salary. This is their ministry and for the past 20 years they have built more than 90 wells throughout rural Tanzania. This project is unique because all funds go to the building of wells. Local villagers feel ownership and SWLD volunteers keep in contact with each village. You can support this life-giving project through a donation to the mission office.



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Water is Life *Maji ni Uhai* *Asante sana* Thank you!

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