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*Matthew 6:33*

## **Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.**

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### **GIVING**

One could certainly extend the list of the forms of suffering that have encountered human sensitivity, compassion, and help, or that have failed to do so. The first and second parts of Christ's words about the Final Judgment unambiguously show how essential it is, for the eternal life of every individual, to "stop", as the Good Samaritan did, at the suffering of one's neighbor, to have "compassion" for that suffering, and to give some help. In the messianic program of Christ, which is at the same time the program *of the Kingdom of God*, suffering is present in the world in order to release love, in order to give birth to works of love towards neighbor, in order to transform the whole of human civilization into a "civilization of love". In this love the salvific meaning of suffering is completely accomplished and reaches its definitive dimension. Christ's words about the Final Judgment enable us to understand this in all the simplicity and clarity of the Gospel.<sup>1</sup>

At one and the same time Christ has taught man to do good by his suffering and to do good to those who suffer. In this double aspect he has completely revealed the meaning of suffering.<sup>2</sup>

These beautiful words of John Paul II help us to understand human suffering on a level that transforms that suffering from an evil to a greater good. We can enter into that suffering and allow it to conform us to Christ so as to make us more compassionate and loving. Like the good Samaritan, we do not need to experience the suffering, except that if we allow ourselves to feel it in our hearts, we cannot help but attempt to alleviate it in the one who is experiencing that suffering. A perfect example of entering into another's suffering so as to bring out transforming love and compassion was the tsunami of December, 2004. What an incredible outpouring of love that disastrous event caused!

Let us allow all forms of suffering to transform our lives so that we may be rich with meaning!

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<sup>1</sup>Apostolic Letter of John Paul II, *On The Christian Meaning of Human Suffering: Salvifici Doloris*; Pauline Books & Media, Boston MA: 1984, p. 53-54.

<sup>2</sup>Ibid, p. 54.

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## Current Outreach Needs

Additional requests for specific needs are currently being reviewed by the board of directors of *Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.* Once approved, they will be posted on the web site at <http://hhhm.net> and in future newsletters. We thank you for your continued support!

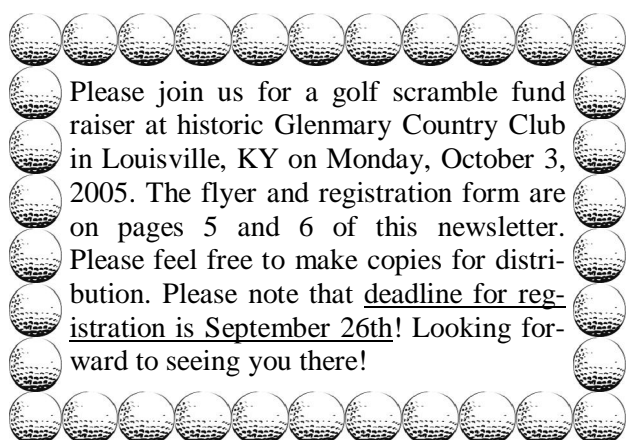


## Project Completed in May

The balance (\$1,000) of the \$4,000 tuition for Brothers of the *Franciscan Missionaries of Hope Lyke Community* was disbursed to Br. John Basimwa. They are undergoing a course of study in drug and alcohol dependence rehabilitation to work with the impoverished addicted poor in the communities surrounding Nairobi, Kenya.



↙ A special thanks to *Sandy and Albert Bissmeyer* for sponsoring the tuition for two Brothers of the *Franciscan Missionaries of Hope Lyke Community*. ↘



Please join us for a golf scramble fund raiser at historic Glenmary Country Club in Louisville, KY on Monday, October 3, 2005. The flyer and registration form are on pages 5 and 6 of this newsletter. Please feel free to make copies for distribution. Please note that deadline for registration is September 26th! Looking forward to seeing you there!



**This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad!**

## List of Donors

### Cash Donations:

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**David Vogel**



**And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me. (Matthew 18:5)**

## *Can I Get A Witness?*

April 25, 2005

I was fortunate to have the opportunity to travel to Tanzania for 10 days with Fr. John Judie Ministries, Inc. a few weeks ago. My meeting Fr. John and the opportunity to make this trip just fell into place within a period of weeks, as though it were meant to be, as indeed it was. Fr. John, Dr. Margie Sweeney, her daughter Kelly and I left Easter Sunday afternoon to visit several seminaries, parishes, convents, homes, towns and an orphanage in Tanzania.

We flew into Kilimanjaro where we were met by Bro. George, one of Fr. John's adopted sons, and were driven to the town of Arusha, a few hours away. We stayed at a Passionist Seminary hosted by Fr. Aloysius, while Fr. John stayed with Bro. George at the Christian Bros. home.

Morning Mass, in Swahili of course, was two doors down from our rooms at the Passionist Seminary, with magnificent African singing accompanied by a drum, a rhythmic percussion instrument and a small organ.



Fr. John and family in Kilema: Augustine, Aklei, & Maria Kessy

The next part of our visit was a flight to Dar Es Salaam, followed by a multi-hour drive by SUV to Arusha over roads varying from paved to dirt with large bumps and deep crevices that totally changed my concept of what a "dirt road" can be. We stayed at Kihonda Parish. Fr. Kessi has been there many years and has developed a parish and school that serves the community. He was lovely, as was his new associate, Fr. Teti, a vibrant, radiant priest, so in love with Christ and the Gospel, and such a pleasure to just "hang out" with.

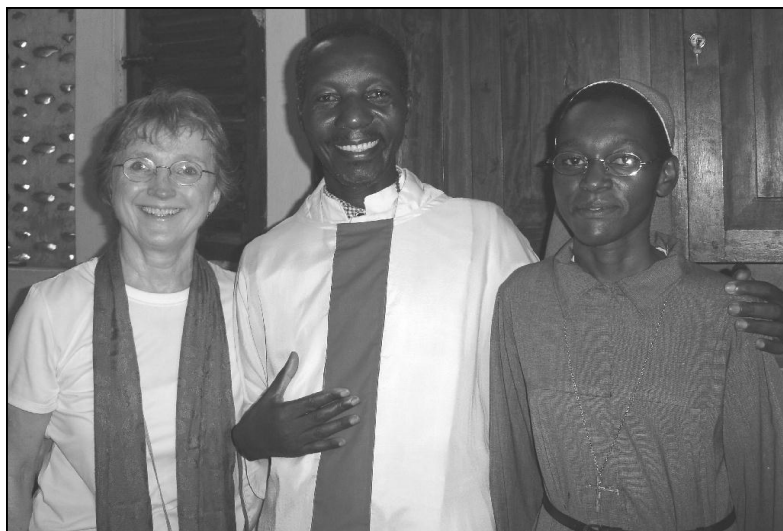
By far the highlight of the trip was the visit to the jungle home of Fr. John's adopted family in the jungle at the foot of Mt. Kilimanjaro. No words can express the warmth and beauty of the people and the strength and coherence of the family. The photos may give a glimpse into the life and the people. Fr. John is radiant in taking his role as the oldest son in this magnificent family.

We have so much to learn from the warmth, love, respect, pride, and inner strength, of these people. They welcome us without condition. They care for and support each other without condition, and would include us in a moment should we so need or desire.



School children at Kihonda Parish

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We visited many places and met many people, whom I now love dearly and pray for, as they for me. I can only be thankful for this opportunity and keep this experience and these loved ones in my heart. I know I will be able to serve them and others in the future in many ways as I use the gifts I have been given.

Love and Blessings,

Nanine Henderson



Thanks to all who shared their pictures for the production of the promotional video for ***Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc. — Therese Brennan, Tom Davis, Nanine Henderson, Peggy Keen, Tim Mills, and Margie Sweeney.*** A very special thanks to ***David A. Vogel*** for his music and production skills.

If you would like to spread the word about the work of this ministry, please feel free to request this free 7-minute DVD.



**Mungu ni penda!**  
**God is love!**

# YOU'RE INVITED!



**Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.**

**Annual GOLF OUTING**



**Monday, October 3, 2005**

**At historic Glenmary Country Club  
10200 Glenmary Farm Dr.  
Louisville, KY 40291**

**\$100 entry fee includes:**

**Greens/Cart Fees  
Lunch Buffet 12:00-1:00  
Shotgun start at 1:00  
Awards and door prizes  
Hors d'oeuvres**



**REGISTRATION FORM**  
*Each player should be registered by September 26!*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Please place me on a team: \_\_\_\_\_

**Scramble participants:**

1.) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

2.) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

3.) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

4.) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>Hole Sponsor and Foursome</b>	<b>\$ 450.00</b>
	<b>Hole Sponsor ONLY</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
	<b>Foursome</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>
	<b>Individual players _____ @ \$100.00 each</b>	<b>\$ ____.</b>
	<b>I can't play that day, but please accept my contribution:</b>	<b>\$ ____.</b>

Please send registration form and check made payable to:  
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**What is Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.?**

HHHM was incorporated on December 26, 2002 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. We strive to provide aid where the effort can yield the most fruit, that is, working with the poorest of the poor. We are currently helping communities in Eastern and Central Africa, and will soon be expanding to other African countries and other continents. We are an all-volunteer organization. There are no paid positions.

**Completed projects include:**

- Electricity was installed at St. Francis Community School in Itimpi, Zambia. This school serves approximately 900 impoverished children, many of whom are orphans due to one or both parents' death to AIDS. In addition, this allowed extended hours of operation of the school for adult classes being held in collaboration with a neighboring church to help the adults with literacy and job skills.
- Desks were purchased for St. Monica Primary School in Morogoro, Tanzania for the expansion to add fifth and sixth grade classes.
- Education needs, food and antiretroviral medicines were provided for some orphaned students and AIDS patients under the care of the Holy Cross Sisters in Lusaka, Zambia.
- Initiation of a dairy farm at Mgeta Parish in the Uruguru Mountains outside of Morogoro, Tanzania. The farm consists of a fenced enclosure that can house up to 30 cattle. This dairy farm will supply the milk for the needy of this parish of 6,000. These needy include approximately 150 orphans, 250 persons with HIV/AIDS, and 160 destitute elderly that suffer from protein malnutrition. Additionally, the solid waste from the cattle is being used to provide fuel in the form of biogas for this community.



## Calendar of Events

Friday, September 16, 2005

- The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of [Fr. John Judie Ministries, Inc.](#) will be held at *St. Pius X* at 7 pm in Louisville, KY.

Monday, October 3, 2005

- A golf scramble fundraiser for [Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.](#) will take place at historic *Glenmary Country Club* in Louisville, KY. — see pages 5 and 6 of this newsletter for the flyer and registration form. Deadline for registration is Sept. 26th!

Saturday, February 18, 2006

- *Lee Kuchenbrod* and [Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.](#) are co-sponsoring a healing service with [Fr. Ralph DiOrio](#) at *Paroquet Springs Conference Centre* in Shepherdsville, KY. More details about this event will be posted in future newsletters and on the Internet at <http://hhhm.net> as the event planning is completed.



## President's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What God ordains He sustains! There has been much going on since the last newsletter.

When I was in Tanzania for Easter week, I felt that God was calling me to expand the work of this ministry beyond the present countries of Kenya, Tanzania, and Zambia. Since this organization is still quite young, I wasn't sure how this was to happen but I decided to trust in the Lord and say "yes" to this calling, trusting that God would provide the means and the way.

When I returned home in April, things started to happen!

My dear friend, *Lee Kuchenbrod*, asked if *Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.* would

like to co-sponsor bringing *Fr. Ralph DiOrio* to the Louisville area for a healing service. While this will not be a fundraiser for the ministry, it is in line with our mission of healing and providing for spiritual needs. This conference will provide a needed service to the community and bring name recognition to *Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.* and the work of this ministry.

Additionally, *Therese Brennan* and I had a breakfast presentation about the work of this ministry for *The Roundtable of Women Owned Businesses* hosted by the *Louisville Enterprise Group* and the *Louisville Small Business Administration* in June. Thanks so much to *Carol Hatfield* for this invitation. As a result of the presentation, *Donna Adams* and *Suellen Newman* with *Medusa Sports* volunteered to plan a golf scramble fundraiser.

We are, at this time, planning the golf scramble and are in need of the following:

- gift certificates or merchandise for door prizes
- items for tee bags which will be given to each participant
- hole sponsors at \$50 per hole
- a sponsor for hole-in-one insurance
- cash donations to offset event expenses
- and of course, lots of golfers to sign up for this event!

While searching the Internet for background music for the commercial video that I was producing for the ministry, I found *Gary Gersin*, who placed a link to the ministry on his web site at [www.sacredheartradio.net](http://www.sacredheartradio.net) and *David A. Vogel*, who provided his music and expertise to produce the video! Thanks guys for your generosity!

We are excited about how God is using this ministry to bring healing to others.

We continue to thank you for your support and interest! Together we can make a difference!

May God bless you abundantly!

Yours in Christ,

*Margie C. Sweeney, M.D*



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**We are now on the Internet at <http://hnhm.net>!**

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To save on postage, statements for receipt of donations made in 2005 will be mailed out in early January, 2006. If you require a receipt prior to that time, please let us know.