

JANUARY 1996

Eastern Africa Province

Mon	1	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD - Solemnity THE NAMING OF JESUS (Titular Feast of the Society) Francis Lado, Cecil McGarry, Peter Mwangi
Tue	2	<i>Elphège Degagnés</i> †1986
Wed	3	Jerome Manyahi
Thu	4	Jeffrey Harrison, <i>Philippe Laurendeau</i> †1989, <i>Roger Leclair</i> †1989
Fri	5	Gérard Gagnon
Sat	6	<i>Charles Eugène Côté</i> †1968
Thu	11	Tiberius Barasa, Ambrose Kituyi, Aquiline Tarimo
Fri	12	<i>Paul Beaudry</i> †1970
Mon	15	James Wabwire
Tue	16	Roger Randrianarimalala, Celso Romanin, Richard Twohig
Thu	18	Leo Amani Masawe
Fri	19	<i>Bl. James Sales and William Saultemouche; Ignatius de Azevedo and companions; James Bonnaud and companions; Bl. Joseph Imbert and Jean-Nicolas Cordier - Optional.</i> Nganda N'Kisi
Sat	20	Victor-Luke Odhiambo
Sun	21	Stephen Msele, Joseph Shubitowski
Mon	22	Zacharias Pazheparampil
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Through the pages of EASTERNET, I want to express my gratitude to all the Companions in our Eastern Africa Province for their availability and generous apostolic work during this year 1995. I wish all a happy and peaceful feast of Christmas and a New Year 1996 full of blessings from the Lord.

Rodrigo Mejía, Provincial

OF MOVES AND MEETINGS**Appointments from Father General:**

By letter of 7 November 1995 Father General has appointed Father JEROME GAGNIER, member of our Province, to serve as Regional Secretary for the Assistancy of Africa and Madagascar. He is expected to arrive in the Curia in the first half of March. In the meantime Fr. GILLES PION will be acting Superior and Director of Mwangaza Retreat Centre.

In accordance with the "Decree on Father General's Assistants and Counsellors" (d.23, E, II, n. 5) of General Congregation 34, Father General has appointed Fr. José Morales Orozco, former Provincial of Mexico, as General Counsellor for the formation of Jesuits and also for the promotion of vocations. He replaces Father José Javier Aizpun (Gujerat Province). He will take office in the month of May.

Father Joseph A. Tetlow (Missouri Province) has been appointed to succeed Father Arthur Vella (Malta Province) as Secretary for Ignatian Spirituality in the General Curia in Rome.

New Socius of the Novice Master in Arusha:

Father LUDWIG VAN HEUCKE has been appointed Socius of the Novice Master to succeed Fr. GROUM TESFAYE who is going to Milltown Institute in order to get a Licentiate in Theology (Spirituality). Father LUDWIG is due to arrive in the Novitiate by mid-January 1996. Father RICHARD D'SOUZA will be acting superior and parish priest in Dodoma for the time being.

Coming events:

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| * Province Assembly | 26 - 29 December |
| * Province Consult | 3 - 5 January 1996 |
| * Commission on Ministries | 6 - 8 January 1996 |

Fr. Provincial's Schedule:

From 9 to 19 January Fr. PROVINCIAL will do his annual retreat at St. Mary's Pastoral Centre (Nakuru).

and healthy. I humbly admit it, the long retreat. this time again, was a fresh and deeper experience, even better than the previous time: a transcendental taste beyond space and time.

We received letters and cards from many provinces of the Society, of people praying for us. Eastern Africa sent at least three, the first one being from Fr. JEROME ODBERT. I was deeply touched by this concern for one another in our least Society. I am very grateful to you all.

The long retreat was followed by shared reflections and a study of the Constitutions and General Congregations as a preparation for Mission. As servants of Christ's Mission we shall be scattered in Christ's vineyard for five months, starting from the 24th November 1995. I shall be using the following address:

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Fratern Masawe, S.J.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

Fr. Laurent Lavallée, S.J., died on October 26 in Saint-Jérôme, Québec, Canada, after a long illness. He had spent eleven years of his apostolic life (1958-61 and 1967-75) teaching Mathematics at Tafari Makonnen Secondary School, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Mr. John Ciampa, brother of Fr. Pio Ciampa, died in Italy on November 20th, aged 67 years.

Mr. Anthony Mallia, brother of Fr. Paul Mallia, died in Malta on November 25.

Mr. Haile-Michael Gebre-Yesus, father of Scholastic Shumdehan Haile-Michael, died in Asmara on November 26.

Mr. David Okuku, brother of Novice Elias Mokuu, died in Kisii on November 27.

R.I.P.

fortune?" The persuaders and the persuaded argued throughout on different wavelengths, and parted in the same way.

In mid-October Fr. General visited India. Loyola College in general (thanks to the National Alumni Congress which took place here and which he had to address) and our community in particular were not exempted from the privilege of hosting him, though for a few hours only.

As we start the semester (sixth and last for JEROME, and second for me), we look forward to the birth of our Lord and anticipate our best wishes to all of you for the day and the dawn of the new year 1996.

Binamungu F. Mukasa, S.J.

FRATERN'S IGNATIAN SAFARI

For the last two and half months, we have been busy. By "we", I mean the 13 Tertians and their two Directors, Howard Gray and Walter Farrell. Of the 13, five come from the U.S.A., two from Great Britain, two from Poland, one from Italy, one from the Philippines, one from Belgium and one from Eastern Africa. As a group we are very happy with the Tertianship Program. And for most of us, we had to learn how to slow down. One of the recipes for slowing down was the doing of interesting things, like going to our villa house in Omena, seeing "Sleeping Bear Dunes"; a tour of the Henry Ford museum with special passes from Fr. John Staudenmeier, our professor of History of Technology; a visit to the Detroit Institute of Arts. Another recommended recipe was sleep. I managed to get ten hours of sleep every night of the slowing down week. The slowing down was surely physical. I felt it.

But how do you prepare the garden for the Holy Spirit to sow the seed of wisdom? It is a partnership, remember. Each partner has to play a part. Howard and Walter underscored faith-sharing, the Autobiography of St. Ignatius, the Annotations and the Spiritual Exercises. Prayers were requested through special cards to friends. Prayers from others were requested from the 26th of September to the 27th of October. With these assurances, we dared to go through the "Spiritual Safari" of one month, a journey we had travelled once years ago in the Novitiate. Like a safari across Africa, one cannot simply say: "I know it. I made it before." Even though one may still remember parts of the road, it is full of surprises. One cannot make it alone without relating to others. When one looks back, there are those who helped with supplies, fuel, food, directions on the way, those who pushed us when we were stuck in mud. And of course, God, who kept us sane

MWISHO WA LAMI

On the 8th November I travelled to Nakuru along with Jesuit candidate George Ndung'u Murai, with the intention of carrying on to Mau Narok, the home of Novice JOSEPH KIARIE, only to be told that I really needed to go to Mwisho wa lami, which sounds grand enough but really means something more down to earth and more correct. My destination wasn't to be Mau Narok but to the less glamorous one of "the end of the tarmac". And it was certainly true. KIARIE's family were indeed expecting both George and me and, of course, gave us a big Karibu (welcome).

In the afternoon we retraced our steps to Larmudiac parish, where I stayed for the night and next day accompanied George to his family at Naishi Njoro. Later that day we paid our respects to the Franciscan Brothers and to their school in the same area, where both George and JOSEPH KIARIE had been students. That evening I decided to meet again Fr. Tom McCracken, SPS, the Chaplain at Egerton University. A number of Jesuit candidates have come from there.

On Sunday the 10th I was able to meet the family of Edward Njoroge, a third year student at Kenyatta University and also a Jesuit candidate. Next day, I visited another candidate, Luke Bett Kipkoech, at Nakuru Nurse Training College. On the Sunday I was in Eldoret to meet three students from Mother of Apostles Seminary who hope to join the Society, and next day I was back in Nakuru to meet the families and parish priests of Jesuit Novices JOSEPHAT SHETE and JOSPHAT GIKONYO.

For the final part of this safari I had to return to Eldoret to meet the three Jesuit candidates working at Kipchoke Keino's home as well as meet Mathew Gichigo, also a candidate, and studying at Moi University. While at the latter place I was able to collect the University graduate certificates of Novices JACOB OKUMU and JOSPHAT GIKONYO, and as a bonus see around the wonderful training facilities of the Margaret Thatcher Library. I stayed the night at the Catholic Chaplaincy, which is just outside the campus.

The earlier trip to North Kinangop

Some months earlier I had tried to visit the home of Jesuit candidate Michael Wachira, but less than 15 kms from his home the wheel of the Landrover I was in came off, so that visit didn't come off. But the one in the first week of November did materialize. This time though the Landrover broke down completely. I

was supposed to get a lift back with the Father who brought me to Wachira's parish for the Sunday Mass and then meet the family. The meeting-point and the time deadline were clear: 2 p.m. - then 3 - 4 - Finally at 6 p.m. Father appeared - on foot. "The car has broken down. I'll have to walk on another 10 kms and return for you before 8 p.m." Famous last words. By 9 p.m. it was clear no car would come but fortunately a local Catholic family was able to offer me a bed for the night. Early next morning Wachira and myself managed to get on a matatu (small bus) which brought us to the nearest market and from there we got a lift to North Kinangop Hospital and soon after to the parish. And then back to Nairobi later in the morning.

The Ngong Retreat and Workshop

From the 27th November to the 3rd December we had yet another of the Retreats and Workshops for Jesuit aspirants and candidates at Ngong Pastoral Centre. And once again this Workshop went off so well thanks to the support of so many of our Jesuit companions - and of the candidates themselves.

Fr. STAN MASCARENHAS set the proper spiritual tone with a day of recollection. He was followed by Fr. JONATHAN HASCHKA with a morning session explaining the value and daily use of the Examen. Then it was the turn of Fr. GERRY REBELLO, who explained how the Holy Eucharist and the Sacraments nourish our spiritual life. Thursday was devoted to the reports of the candidates themselves on their various apostolates, such as:

- their work at Dagoretti Children's home for the very physically handicapped;
- teaching at Gathina Primary School, Kawangware;
- the work at Dr. Barnardo's home and that of Kipchoke Keino's home in Eldoret;
- working with AIDS patients in Mombasa as well as with the Old People in the same town;
- the important help given at Mwangaza Retreat Centre.

On Friday Fr. MARCEL GAREAU spoke on the important aspect of Jesuit availability.

The last part of the Workshop was devoted to meeting our Jesuit Novices and young Jesuits. We were fortunate to have ELIAS MOKUA NYATETE and ODOMARO MUBANGIZI from Arusha, as well as Regent SOSTHENES LUYEMBE from Kangemi. On the Saturday morning Brothers CASPAL PEDO and GEORGE OCHIENG were at Ngong to meet the candidates and aspirants,

the spirit of the song. And what of AKAU? It was a great song.

Classes continue in Arrupe College. The latest is that we will probably not have classes in the academic center till January. It is said that the staff could be moving into their offices by the first week of December. Patience, I would guess, should do the trick!

The last week of October and part of the first week of November saw Harare receiving a good shower. It was long awaited and it sure did appease a land that had become so thirsty. We continue begging the good Lord for more rain. The water rationing however still stands.

Fr. MIKE EVANS was in town for a meeting of the Regional Directors of JRS. Karibu tena (Welcome again). Otherwise, the sons of EAP are all doing well. Let us continue to pray for each other and most especially for our young and tender Arrupe College.

Moses Were, S.J.

MANYAHI OF MADRAS

JEROME and I are keeping well. We have just finished the first semester of this academic year with a period of intensive preparation for the semester examinations, which was followed by the examinations themselves. A four-day holiday was a reward for the intellectual diligence before the opening of the second semester. Results are yet to be released but neither of us seems to voice any serious complaints. Madras seems to gradually open its arms in a better way to the new ones who had to get accustomed to it, while the old ones are at the peak of their apostolic effectiveness. JEROME, who for the past three years has managed well the refugee service for the Southern Sudanese living in India, is getting promising signs of relief after the JRS-India has accepted to take over the apostolate, thanks to the mediation of Fr. RODRIGO MEJIA with Fr. Mark Raper in August in Nairobi. Nonetheless, JEROME still remains a middle-man between the two sides.

In the technological arena, our computer man (none other than MANYAHI, just to have a change in the name) is in high demand. People throng him for repairs and assembling, so much so that he is gradually becoming a VIP. Recently a big company approached him with an offer of employment under any conditions he would propose. He turned down the offer, much to the disappointment of his persuaders who considered as worthless the grounds of his refusal. "What", they asked, "is this *Jesuit Society* which can be the reason for you to refuse such a

KIMWENZA COMMUNICATIONS

Greetings from the EAP Philosophers in Kimwenza. Here at Canisius life is not bad. Everyone is fine, ready to start the academic year 1995/96.

We started our holidays on the 15th July. We were sent to different places. OMONDI, KIZITO and TAMENE were in Kinshasa, learning mechanics in one of the private garages there. MANYANGA was sent to Kisangani to work in the Parish; MUNA went to Bukavu to work with JRS; VUCIRI joined the Jesuit Community in Kasongo Lunda; IKUNZA went to Kikwit to sympathize with those who were spared by the dreaded Ebola virus, while KARONGO was working with AIDS victims in Tanzania.

We came back to Canisius on the 20th September. On the 24th the anglophone Scholastics left for their annual retreat at the Theresianum in Kintambo, while the francophone Scholastics left for the Manresa Spiritual Centre. The retreat ended on the 3rd October.

On the 5th October we began a mass-media session which ended on the 11th. The First Years had an "Introduction to Theatre", the Second Years an "Introduction to Journalism", while the Finalists had an "Introduction to Ignatian Pedagogy". The academic year officially opened on the 14th October. The inaugural speech was given by one of our teachers, Prof. Nkubito Y. P., entitled: "Ingérence humanitaire: Ombres et lumières sur un concept" (Humanitarian interference: lights and shadows around a concept). Classes began on the 16th October.

Manyanga Raymond, S.J.

'THE HARARE HUSTLE'

Could it possibly be true? It has to be. We not only have the first half of the semester behind us, but are now getting ready for the end-of-semester exams.

As part of our week-long mid-semester break, we had two short field-trips to Chapungu and Macheke respectively. Both places are within a 50 km radius of Harare. Chapungu is a cultural center; in fact it is claimed that it is the largest such center in Africa. Besides appreciating the wonderful works of art by some of the greatest sculptors in Zimbabwe, and possibly in Africa, we were also treated to a display of a variety of traditional songs. One of the songs was so good that some of us could not keep our seats anymore. We took to the stage and how I wish you could have seen the son of WERE dancing like one possessed by

and in the afternoon PASCAL MWIJAGE brought JAMES MULENGA (Zambia-Malawi) and ANICET SETAKO (Rwanda, Central Africa). Meeting our own African Novices and Jesuits gets our Jesuit message across so much clearer, and is very much appreciated. This occasion was no exception.

Fr. Paul Naikisi, the Secretary to Bishop Colin Davies, was the main celebrant at the Thursday liturgy, and his talk on how his own vocation developed was much appreciated. As usual, Fr. KAPPAMMOOTTILL was the principal celebrant on the Saturday and preached in his usual strong manner.

Tributes were paid by the candidates to Sister Coronata, the Director of the Centre and to her kitchen staff.

I would like to thank Fr. ERIC CONDILLAC for ferrying different people on four occasions to and from Ngong Pastoral Centre, and to Fr. GERRY REBELLO for once again typing the programme. These vocation assemblies are a very important part of the whole process of vocation promotion.

In all there were 36 full-time participants with yet another 7 who could only manage to be there for a day or two. There were three university graduates taking part as well as one who's in his last year at Kenyatta University, one who had completed the two-year course in journalism at Nyegezi Social Training Institute, Mwanza. And there were five others who have completed studies in Philosophy, with two of them having done part of Theology. All but two had completed Form Four.

Sean O'Connor, S.J.

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER COPY
TO REACH NAIROBI IS THE 28TH OF EACH MONTH**

JESUIT HISTORY SERIALIZED

The Jesuit Jubilee Celebrations seem not to be over yet. "Fekerna Selam" (Love and Peace), the National Catholic monthly, has started publishing a series of articles on the apostolate of the Jesuits in Ethiopia. The main source of the articles is Fr. GAREAU's best-seller: "Making All Things New: Fifty Years of Jesuit Presence in Ethiopia" Whose initiative was it all? Certainly not ours. There are a number of committed Catholic lay persons, alumni of both Tafari Makonnen Secondary School and the Addis Ababa University, who are very grateful for what the Jesuits did for them in the exercise of their educational apostolate.

So they feel it appropriate that the Ethiopian Catholic Church should know about us and about our apostolic activities, in Ethiopia and elsewhere in the world.

Fr. ANTON ALTNÖDER, S.J., is back in Ethiopia. For over a year ANTON had worked as JRS Project Director in Hawzien, Tigray. He is once again working with JRS, this time as part of the "apostolic experience" required by his Tertian-ship programme in Germany. He is based in Addis Ababa, and is getting acquainted with several projects related to refugees and displaced people, that are being implemented in both Addis Ababa and Debre-Zeit. Moreover, since he is a high-tech agricultural engineer, ANTON has successfully installed a complex water-drip system in the vegetable garden of our Residence.

Last week we had the pleasant visit of Fr. MARK RAPER, S.J., International Director of JRS, who came to participate in a Congress on Refugees and Displaced Persons organized jointly by Caritas Internationalis, the Lutheran World Federation and the World Council of Churches. More than 150 delegates from all over the world sat together, discussed and prayed over the problems refugees and displaced persons must face, so as to design common strategies and mutual cooperation. The JRS Netherlands Representative also participated in the meetings.

Miguel Garcia, S.J.

LOYOLA SAMARITANS

CHARLIE MURPHY celebrated All Saints Day in the operation theatre at Nairobi Hospital, for a hip bone replacement. Mr. Stuart worked four and a half hours to put in a stainless steel bit (rumour has it that the "hip bone" was traded for an undisclosed sum to a relic-hunter!) CHARLIE came out of the operation in good spirits and was doing remarkably well until a blood clot in his left leg changed everything. Instead of a week, CHARLIE was kept in hospital for full 17 days.

There were many "Good Samaritans", especially from Loyola House, visiting CHARLIE, but VICTOR JACCARINI was especially helpful, checking on our patient every single day, some days even twice a day. The seven nurses attending on CHARLIE came to be known as "The Rugby Team", and did a wonderful job nursing him to a dischargeable condition. Our versatile JONATHAN transformed CHARLIE's room and bed, with an easy-to-reach bed-switch, a monkey-strap, etc., so our invalid could manage to do most things on his own. VICTOR JACCARINI painted a poster of "CHARLIE FALLS" with the words "Hip, Hip,

was chief celebrant, I poured the saving waters of Baptism over the heads of 55 - women and men, girls and boys and babies. The choir was in good voice, directed by Novice Brother Asimwe Ephraim. An agape rounded out the celebration to the satisfaction of all. The Saaka Village church is within easy walking distance from our Novitiate.

On September 30, at Harugongo subparish's Centenary celebration, I baptized 22. Imagine, during my over 40 years on mission in India, I never baptized so many as that in all my ministry combined!

On October 8, I was delighted to baptize tiny twin babies, Margaret and Robert, in the Fort Portal Government Hospital. They were the niece and nephew of one of my Novice Brothers.

Mass for new session at U.T.C.

On November 5, I offered Sunday Mass at Uganda Technical College, Kicwamba, Fort Portal, where I am chaplain, first Mass of the new session after the new admissions. It was arranged through Brother Stephen Kasaija, SJW, now in second year Electrical Engineering there. Novitiate Superior Brother Augustine Turyamureeba, SJW, not only drove me there, 10 kilometres away at the base of the Mountains of the Moon, but he also delivered a stirring homily on the Christian as evangelizer. Among the goodly number of new trainees at U.T.C. is one of my ex-Novices who left the Brotherhood and has taken up a one-year course in Advanced Building.

Bob Mayer, S.J.

(The Churches of Lebanon) hope to rediscover and renew inter-ecclesial communion, fraternal ecumenism, respectful dialogue among religions, and a commitment to serve the full development of each person and the whole person. For these are the means by which the Churches can give the witness that they are called to give to the love that God has in Jesus Christ for each and for all, in service to a Middle East searching for reconciliation and peace.

(Appendix I)

Peter-Hans Kolvenbach S.J.

entertainment with the street boys in town. And Pastor Kiesel and his family across the fence enhance our spirit of ecumenism in our evening worship every-day.

Jacob Okumu, N.S.J.

GROW MORE TREES

From swamp to forest

Lake Saaka is fed by such rivulets as the one that passes through the swamp of Saaka Novitiate. Our property is at the western end of this lake that stretches in a semi-circle for about two kilometers. About six years ago, a number of eucalyptus trees were planted in a little grove near the lake itself. They have been thriving ever since, with their top foliage now fingering the clouds.

Around March, during his 3-month Tertianship, Brother Charles Agaba, SJW, took up the community project of planting 100 seedlings made up of eucalyptus and silver oak, in a gap in the grove down at the swamp. Now our farm-manager Brother Selvanus Magume, SJW, is undertaking a more extended afforestation programme, continuing the line of trees already there with over 1000 eucalyptus seedlings so far. He maintains this is only the beginning! Besides producing more healthy oxygen in one of the healthiest spots in the world, these trees will eventually provide furniture and other material for building as well as much-in-demand firewood. In between the seedlings, newly-sown maize is already sprouting.

Charismatics invade Novitiate

Every good Christian should be a charismatic - at least in the sense that one is open to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. However, some are charismatic by profession, such as the Emmaus people. A bevy of four such charismatics camped in our Novitiate for three days at the end of October, Friday till Monday. The birds in our solitary haunt must have thought that a new breed of Novice Brothers had arrived! Here was singing to compete with the birds. The hilltop of Saaka rang with holy songs day and night, that might well have carried to the nearby Mountains of the Moon (Ruwenzori Range). Needless to say, this Emmaus quartet livened up our Eucharistic celebrations while they were with us, till they finally packed up their guitar and returned to their residence in Fort Portal town.

Saaka celebrates Centenary of Faith

The villagers of Saaka had their big day of celebration of the Centenary of Faith on October 29. Joining the parish priest of Kitumbi, Fr. Thadeus Balinda, who

Hurray!" And he had also a flower arrangement to welcome CHARLIE home, on the evening of November 18.

KAPPA is great when it comes to visiting and helping the sick. There have been complaints that KAPPA has been hiding CHARLIE's foam "doughnut" and pad (made by JONATHAN), so CHARLIE walks around with the said articles tied round his neck! DEVA made his contribution by lending CHARLIE two or three dhotis (Indian wrappers).

CHARLIE's doctors are happy with the tremendous progress he has made in the past two weeks. Our patient is grateful for the on-going care, concern and prayers of the Community and of his many friends outside.

Ministries

- JONATHAN was in Homa Bay (November 3-11) for a retreat for priests.
- STAN MASCARENHAS was at the Resurrection Garden (Nairobi) on November 5 (2 p.m. to 6 p.m.) to give a talk on "Inculturation and the African Synod" to a group of lay people from Holy Family Basilica. A farewell liturgy for Form IV Catholic girls at State House Girls School was held on November 12. On November 14, almost 350 girls at the school sang their hearts out, singing Christmas carols, two days before the school closed for the long vacation. STAN conducted the day of recollection (27-28 November) for about 40 candidates and aspirants to the Society at Ngong Pastoral Centre. JONATHAN, GERRY, KAPPA and MARCEL also made their contributions for the week-long workshop.

Annual retreats

- GERRY REBELLO (November 12-20) at the Benedictine Sisters Centre, Karen.
- VICTOR JACCARINI (November 30-December 8) at the Camillian Srs, Karen.

Province visitors

- GROUM TESFAYE (November 1st) from Arusha.
- Bro. VINCENT SORENG, also from the Arusha Novitiate (November 1-5), en route to India for home leave.
- FRANCIS CARDOZ, from Moshi (November 2-8; 26-29), at Loyola in between retreats to B.V.M. Sisters here in Karen, Nairobi.
- GEORGE AIKARA (November 15-17), for his monthly visit.
- PIO CIAMPA lost his brother, John (Italy) on November 20 and gave us the news. R.I.P. PIO was with us, November 24-29.
- OTIENO NDONG'A (Ngara, Tanzania), our "radio station man", put in a rare appearance (November 13-22). OTIENO spoke to the Community on November

15, after supper, about his work and experiences in setting up and operating an FM station at the border of Rwanda, for the benefit of refugees and the personnel involved in refugee work. A healthy, working relationship has developed between the radio-station operators and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Government of Tanzania).

- Rex Ockerz (Sri Lanka) is back again for special workshops for religious, having arrived on November 29.

- Mr. Clement Nazareth, a nephew of STAN MASCARENHAS, was here from New York, for 2 weeks (November 17-December 1st). He spent a week with a business-partner in Nakuru. STAN drove out with him to Nyeri-Nanyuki for 2 days in a rented vehicle. Clement was able to join a group to visit the National Park in Nairobi and some of the popular sights in the city.

Stan Mascarenhas, S.J.

APOSTOLATES IN THE LOYOLA JUNIORATE

From the earliest days of the Society, our men have been encouraged to apply their creativity and energy to a personal work which is complementary to their mission. These works are usually as diversified as the personalities of our members. In the Loyola Juniorate, our men, whose mission from the Society is studies, have initiated personal apostolates that range from visiting the spinal injury ward at Jomo Kenyatta Hospital to youth ministry at St. Michaels's Parish. In between are service to Sudanese refugees, a leadership role with the Young Catholic Worker movement, and president of the Student Assembly at Tangaza. In each work the man is encouraged to experience working with the poor, to develop his own call and gifts in ministry, and to grow in the Ignatian grace of contemplation in action. We look for continued expansion of this program as we make new contacts and gain greater familiarity with the needs of the Church in our area.

Jonathan Haschka, S.J.

Fr. D'AGOSTINO returned from a fund raising trip to U.S.A. where friends of NYUMBANI put on an affair which raised \$50,000. Many Jesuits of the Georgetown community attended, viz., Fr. Robert Drinan, Richard McSorly, etc. The Rector of the community made a very generous donation as did Fr. Leo O'Donovan, the President of Georgetown. While in Washington, Fr. D'AGOSTINO had a meeting with President Clinton, arranged by a member of the Children of God Relief Fund Board. After attending the taping of the President's weekly radio broadcast, Fr. D'AGOSTINO was ushered into the Oval Office where he chatted for 5 minutes with the President (photos to verify the fact

him a taste of Ujamaa hospitality at the Arusha Government Hospital. He is back in Nairobi, consoling the Jesuits and the community cat.

GROOM, besides directing some Novices in their long retreat, is also taking care of the kitchen. His personal attention means good food at a minimum cost. He told me how three kilos of beef can be blessed and distributed till thirty are satisfied, and the remains can be collected in three baskets.

Francis Rodrigues, S.J.

OUR "MEDICS" IN MOSHI

Thanks to Mawenzi Hospital, Moshi, Tanzania, the two Novices JACOB OKUMU and FESTO MKENDA (immediately christened MAWENZU and KIBO after Mt. Kilimanjaro peaks by SIDNEY) have of late become experts in air-lifting individuals destined for the mortuary. This was their regular experience in the Surgical, Medical and Isolation Wards. Their next attractions are the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), the Surgery and Psychiatry Units.

The other day MKENDA caught the attention of the Isolation Ward as he systematically, generously and discerningly admitted and discharged patients with admirable competence and magnanimity. At the same time he witnessed the care being given to AIDS patients with great love and humility.

OKUMU, on the other hand, thrives in the Surgical Department with a scalpel in his hands alongside other gadgets whose names he has yet to master, carries on the cleaning and dressing of wounds while keeping his eyes wide open as the surgeons go through minor operations. He was equally amazed when he was asked to make a sign of the Cross on the injection spot so as not to sever the nerves on the top left and bottom right position: this time using cotton swab and spirit. Yes, it is true a Jesuit is either a student worker or a working student.

As SIDNEY, TREVOR AND FRANCIS continue to live true to their Jesuit vow of nomadism, they have indeed become "Pastors sans frontières", pruning and weeding all for the Magis. Do your bookings NOW if you need them.

OZY GONSALVES brought Tony Jurschik, a Spanish Jesuit of the Bombay Province. He regaled us with stories of his mission parish.

Even while on experiment here in Moshi, weekends are set for study, recreation, work and shared reflection. These days, however, from time to time we are blessed with visits of candidates to the Society, friends and a football match and

embrace again. Lunch here is at 2.00 p.m., so the trio of us found ourselves just at the right time and place together. Greetings were expressed and conveyed, and I was made welcome. Questions were asked about this and that. My impression of the first day is that all seems to have begun well.

John Chachu Ohure, S.J.

SCENIC ARUSHA NOVITIATE

As I write, I am thinking about the 2nd year Novices who are on their different experiments. I am told that they are homesick and missing their companions who are making the month's Spiritual Exercises. I also take this opportunity to share with you my views after my brief visit to the Novitiate.

The fourteen in retreat are in good shape, but LEO AMANI, the Novice Director, has been attacked by a nasty bug that has left his "central province" in confusion. He has taken necessary precautions to bring the situation under control, and by the time I left he was feeling better.

Padre Pole Pole Jamani (JOE PULLICINO, the Bursar and overseer of Novitiate productivity schemes), gave me a guided tour of the Novitiate property and the land newly allotted by the Land Office for cultivation. These few new acres provide security and scenery to the already scenic view of the Novitiate. He is keen on building bridges instead of protective fences. The aim is to keep the neighborhood at a communicable distance.

Isabel and Esther (the two cows) are in their fourth and sixth month. Mboi (the calf) is growing fast and soon will beat the 150 Kg mark. However, Mboi still has the fixation for his mother's milk. Strict separation between mother and son is maintained so that Mboi can lead a mature and independent life.

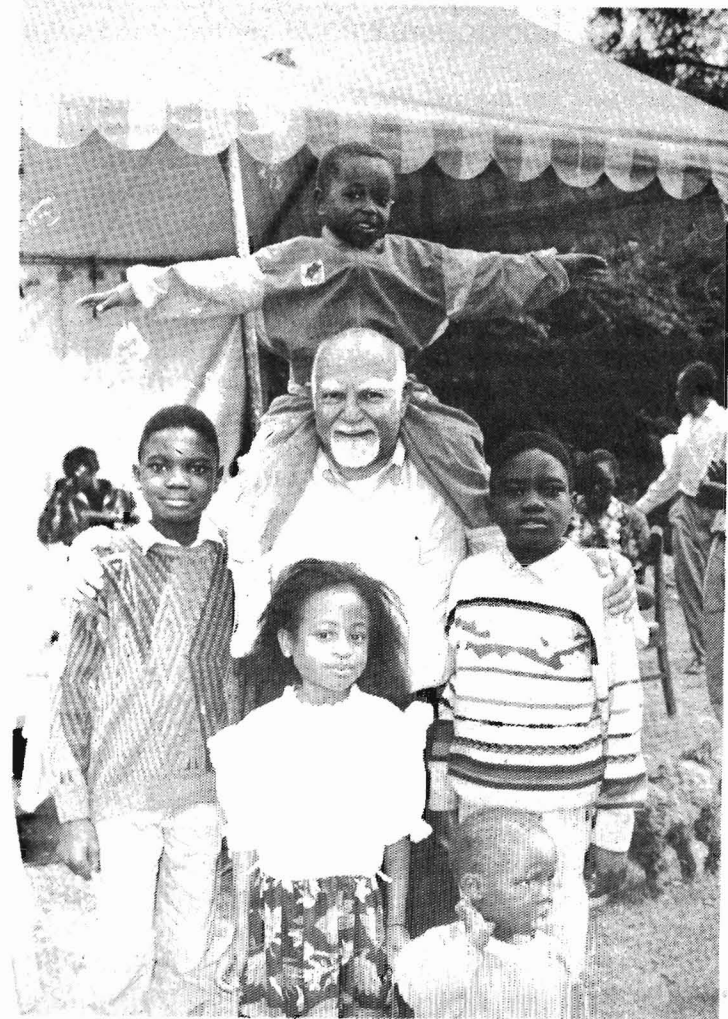
Bro. VINCENT SORENG is on home leave but the garden is flourishing. The chicks and pigs are fine. While the chicks are providing the necessary protein for the growing Novices, some of the pigs are waiting for Christmas to make their total commitment.

ERIC CONDILLAC, who had come to replace JOE PULLICINO for about three weeks, confessed that his stay at the Novitiate was the best since he arrived in Africa some eleven years ago. The climate, he says, was so good that his lungs immediately went smoke-free. But his joy was short-lived, when a haunting thought of his cat, back at Loyola, which had to hunt live rats instead of eating dead fish, disturbed his equilibrium. Thus followed bouts of asthma that gave

are awaited). The President asked about Fr. O'Donovan as well as Fr. Otto Hentz (Novice mate of Fr. D'AG) who Clinton recollected as the best teacher he ever had; Otto taught him theology!

Since returning Fr. D'AGOSTINO has been featured as a speaker at two Methodist ministers conventions: one in Meru with 55 in attendance and one in Mombasa with 25 attending. The subject for both was "Some theological and scientific reflections on the root causes and future of HIV/AIDS".

Angelo D'Agostino, S.J.



OF JEROME AND JIM

Mwangaza seems to be going from one change of personnel to another! GILLES has just settled in as our new Minister, and now it is his turn to be the Superior-cum-Director! Some readers by now must know of JEROME GAGNIER's transfer to Rome! With that Mwangaza awaits another Sup-cum-Dir and in the meantime GILLES will wear three hats!

JIM McCREADY, who went to the States on home leave, will not return! Quote from a FAX message dated October 12th, sent by Fr. Michael Tyrell S.J. from Portland, Oregon to Frs. RODRIGO and JEROME, and then shared with the rest of the community:

"I am writing to inform you that Fr. JIM McCREADY has taken ill. At present the doctors are not sure what the diagnosis might be. JIM seemed fine when he arrived. He saw doctors here in Portland and they did not find anything of concern. He then went on to Spokane, Washington, to visit friends and became ill there. Through the Province infirmary in Spokane, he saw other doctors there but they too could find nothing wrong. JIM became more anxious about all this (...) At Fr. Sundborg's suggestion, JIM returned to Portland. He saw his regular doctor today. There seems to be some "dementia" (forgetfulness) which may be only caused by a bad combination of drugs, but that is still to be determined. In addition, the doctor says that what is happening is oftentimes a precursor to the discovery of cancer. He said older persons sometimes sense something is going wrong in their bodies before the medical experts can find anything. Over the next two weeks JIM will be having a series of tests to determine what, if anything, is going on. For the present, Fr. Sundborg feels it is best to delay Fr. McCready's return to Africa until the medical picture is clearer. We will inform you of developments, probably around the end of October when the doctor completes his testing."

Subsequently there has been another FAX (not seen by this writer) which says that JIM has had two heart attacks and hence his return to Africa seems very unlikely! So we await another director in JIM's place!

If you'll be reading this on December 1st at 1pm whisper a prayer for Mary Fisher who then will be undergoing eye surgery in Nairobi! Of course, continue your prayer for Mwangaza and for the ministry here! See you here in December when Mwangaza will play host to the Province Assembly '95. Karibuni!! Welcome!!

Ozy Gonsalves, S.J.

DESTINATION WAU

My journey from Nairobi to Khartoum was on schedule, despite the strike which took place in Khartoum two days earlier. We took off from JKA Nairobi and landed safely in Khartoum International Airport. The normal checks went on well, maybe because the number of arrivals was less, not more than 30 of us. Just as I was coming out of the airport building, the trio from St. Paul arrived, with arms opened to welcome me. ONYANGO drove us home safely. It was quite late though: it was past midnight when we arrived in Kobar. So the day began with a good breakfast, and we had Mass in the evening. ED BRADY was then in another house.

I had thought of spending some time in the North, but things did not work out that way. The unpredictability of communications in this part of the world makes one become more and more Ignatian. One has to discern and decide there and then. The new Superior had allowed me to relax for a moment, but the following day I got a message that there was going to be a direct flight to Wau. "Aha! What do I have to do then?" Even the skillful ones in decision-making like PAUL began licking their lips. "All is yours", he said. Well, I finally decided to go to Wau. On the day of my departure my loving and careful driver, ONYANGO, drove me off to the airport. In our company was a cousin of mine, a diocesan seminarian doing his second year of Philosophy. As a matter of fact ONYANGO is his guru (spiritual guide) as well as his teacher. But earlier on I spent a day or so with my only close relatives in Khartoum, my sister-in-law and her sons and daughters. It was a modest re-union. A few relatives, tribesmen and women, came to say hello to me in an African way. There food and hospitality are not a problem.

I left for Wau by chartered diocesan flight, on a cargo plane. On arrival in Wau we went for a security check-up. Here the unexpected can be revealed at any time. A cassette tape of mine was taken for scrutiny. Ten minutes later I got it back. No comments given. It was a love song cassette, to be true.

Wau is different from Khartoum. Everywhere you turn all is green, while Khartoum is desert, hot and dusty. The ever heroic TARCIE was the first one I met, in a Salesian-run workshop. But the meeting was a bit funny. We could not recognize one another. I took courage and called him by his name, and he responded and we embraced each other warmly.

GEORGE UKKEN took me to their home of exile three hours later. Another