



Yohana returned from his vacation last week, so our numbers are increasing...there are four of us now in Morogoro: me, Mosses, Vitalis, and Yohana. Phillip and Joseph are still on vacation and will return at the end of the month.



*From left to right, Br. Mosses, Vitalis and Yohana.*



Mosses Karimbula is a brother candidate, who professed his temporary vows, and has subsequently renewed his temporary vows in the community four times. He currently is in Form Three of Alfagems Secondary School in Morogoro. He will complete his Form Three studies near the end of October. The plan right now is for him to have a two-month internship in our parish in Butiama before he returns in early January to begin his Form Four studies, after which he will graduate. Br. Mosses has already completed his catechist studies.



Besides his studies, Br. Mosses likes movies and sports, especially football, volleyball, and swimming. He is a good driver on our muddy roads! He also takes care of the kitchen concerns, including coordinating with our cook, Pendo, and making sure that we have a good list for our market shopping on Saturdays. He also will pick up needed items during the week. I value his good nature and willing, generous spirit. He also adds a great deal to our liturgies with his singing and drum playing. I wish you could hear how wonderful it is!



Alfagems Secondary School is a unique school under the directorship of Fr. Rikardo. Over its 10-year history, the school continues to offer outstanding education for young women and young men. It is a Catholic, independent school which provides an excellent college-preparatory education. Caring teachers, small classes, a rich and varied curriculum, and lively, enthusiastic students make the Academy unique. Along with its quality academic program, the Academy focuses on character and values, cooperation, mutual respect and service.



*Fr. Rikardo meeting with students at Alfagems Academy.*

Br. Mosses studies civics, geography, history, Bible Study, English literature, Swahili, and biology. Interestingly, he has told me that Swahili is the most difficult subject. He explained to me that there are over 100 tribes in Tanzania and that each has its own dialect. So, Swahili is really the second language for all the people of Tanzania, and so the grammar rules and proper use of the language is difficult for most Tanzanians. Br. Mosses usually rides his bike to class, which is about 2 miles away. He has two classes a day, starting in the early afternoon. He usually leaves about 1:00 p.m. and returns about 7:00 p.m. He

also has classes on Saturdays, but they are in the morning, and he is usually back for lunch on those days.

Vitalis Masika, is a candidate for priesthood. He professed his first temporary vows in 2016 and has subsequently renewed his temporary vows three times, most recently on August 15. Vitalis will begin his second year of Philosophy at Jordan Catholic University, starting November 4, 2019. His classes for the first semester include: Modern Philosophy, African Philosophy, Philosophy of



Religion, Kant, Moral Philosophy, Metaphysics, Arts and Society, and French. While others were on vacation, Vitalis and I have been a “team” responsible for shopping at the market and at various stores in Morogoro for our food and supplies. He has been a tremendous help to me and is a very encouraging person. He likes movies and music. He frequently practices on the organ and he is a great singer who is very good at keeping us on track for when we are singing or chanting at Eucharist or the Liturgy of the Hours. He also has been doing a great job preparing everything for Eucharist each day. Before his Philosophy studies, Vitalis



was securing his education certificate and did some student teaching at the school right near us, Charlotte Secondary School.

Yohana Michael Kachwele is also a candidate for the priesthood. Like Vitalis, he professed his first temporary vows in 2016 and subsequently renewed his temporary vows three times, most recently on August 15. Yohana has already received the ministries of lector and acolyte. He will begin his third year of Theology studies when the semester begins on November 4. His courses in the first semester are: Prophetic Literature, Ecclesiology & Mariology, Mission of Holy



Spirit (Pneumatology), Sacramentology (General), Patrology, Church Law – Sacraments, and History of Spirituality.

Yohana likes feasts, where there is dancing, singing and eating. I will talk about the feasts a bit later, but for now, I can say that the religious communities usually celebrate vows, orders, anniversaries, etc. with much fanfare. Many are invited and the celebrations most often include a liturgy, music with singing and dancing, speeches, and then a great meal. I have been to three such feasts so far



and I can understand why Yohana likes them so much. Yohana is a very cheerful person who does like jokes. He even laughs—at least he pretends to laugh—at some of my jokes. (Since you know me, you know that pretending is sufficient to make me happy!) Last weekend Yohana joined the “Vitalis-Fr. Jim” market team! He was a great addition, as it had rained for a few days and the muddy roads were difficult to negotiate. He volunteered to do the driving and he did a great job negotiating the traffic and the mud.



*We went to the smaller market on Saturday because there is not as much mud here!*





Even a few days after the rain, the roads were still a mess! Whether you are driving or walking, the mud is very slippery. This happens because the ground is so dry and hard that the top part gets wet, but the water, at first, is not able to seep down very deeply. It is actually like walking or driving on a layer of snow that has fallen on top of ice.



Even though it was raining, we had to drive a few times on Saturday because we needed to go to the market and we needed to help Mosses to go and come back from school. Mosses had left earlier in the day to ride his bike to school, only to return because it was impossible with all the mud. So, Yohana drove him to school and then we needed to get him later in the day. Every time we went out, we had to take a detour through our village, Tungi, and some other local villages. We had to do this because there is one particular place on our usual route that gets flooded. As cars and trucks drive through, they make deeper and deeper ruts that are hard to navigate. We saw a few vehicles that had slipped off the muddy roads and were stuck in the mud and muck at the side of the road.







Even after the rain dries up, the road is still nearly impassible with the water runoff and all the ruts that have been created by cars and trucks.



Although, we might complain about the mud, the rain is a blessing for most who need it both for the replenishment of water supplies and for planting. So, we work with the bad and rejoice with the good!

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