



Fr. Andrzej Duda, C.R., our novice director in Buhemba, visited us in order to pick up the new pickup truck that the Ontario-Kentucky Province donated. He flew to Dar es Salaam and then drove in the new vehicle to spend a bit of time with us.



New Toyota pick-up donated by the Ontario-Kentucky Province.



Vitalis, Fr. Andrzej, Phillip, Mosses, Yohana, and Joseph.

As a community, we had some bad news and some good news in the last few weeks. The bad news is that our friend, Zubari, was in a motorcycle accident. His face was a mess and he broke both of his wrists. He had temporary casts put on his arms because they were so swollen, but on Saturday, permanent casts were put on.



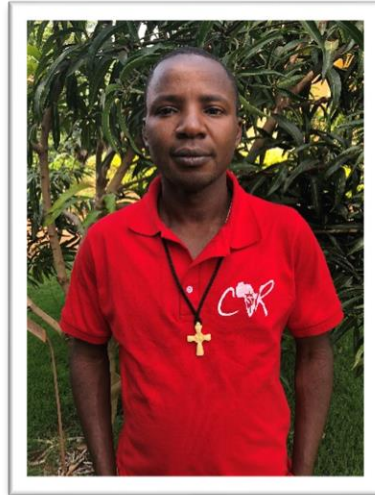
He will have to wear these casts for at least five weeks. The Blessed Sacrament Sisters and I have been visiting him at his mother's house. His grandmother seems to be the main care-taker. One problem was that he had real difficulty getting a shirt over the casts. The solution came from a gift from a dear friend who had bought me several Jos A. Bank shirts to wear in Tanzania.



As you can see, these shirts worked out perfectly! He told me that many people have commented about how nice they are. He said in his limited English, "Good quality, Father!" Yes, indeed...Jos A. Banks! Thanks to the generosity of my friend, he is better off now.

The good news is that Phillip Justinian will be ordained to the transitional diaconate on Saturday, July 11. He is currently on his 5-day retreat in preparation for the ceremony. The Bishop of Morogoro, Bishop Telesphor Mkude, will ordain him. The incredible news is that there will be 20 Resurrectionists present for this celebration! There are six of us here in Morogoro (me, Phillip, Yohana, Mosses, Vitalis, and Joseph). Fr. Andrzej, Fr. Maciej, and Fr. Daniel are each driving, dividing the 10 novices among the cars from Butiama and Buhemba. And, Fr.

Wojciech Mleczek, C.R. (my replacement until Fr. Andrzej returns from the novitiate) will arrive on July 9. This will be amazing! The invitation is below.



THE CONGREGATION OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST HAS THE JOY OF INVITING YOU TO THE
ORDINATION OF OUR BROTHER

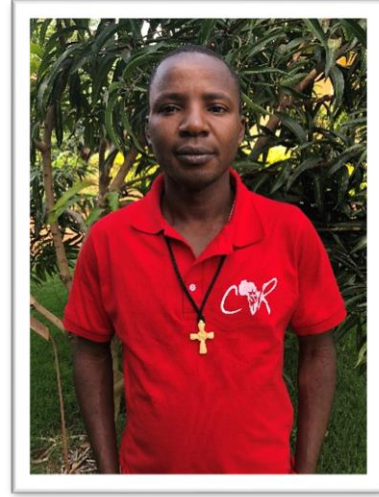
PHILLIP MAKONDO JUSTINLAN, C.R.

TO THE ORDER OF DEACON AT RESURRECTION CHAPEL
ON SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2020 @ 10:00 A.M.



A LUNCH WILL BE SERVED FOR INVITED GUESTS AT THE RESURRECTION
FORMATION HOUSE, TUNGI, FOLLOWING THE ORDINATION.

The invitation in Swahili, on the flip side, looks like this:



SHIRIKA LA UFUFUKO WA BWANA WETU YESU KRISTO TUNAYO FURAHA
KUWAALAIKA KWENYE USHEMASI WA NDUGU YETU MPENDWA

PHILLIP MAKONDO JUSTINIAN, C.R.

MAADHIMISHO YATAFANYIKA SIKU YA JUMOMOSI 11 JULAI 2020
KATIKA KANISA DOGO LA NYUMBA YA MALEZI TUNGI SAA 4:00
ASUBUHI



SHEREHE YA KUMPONGEZA KWA WAGENI WAALIKWA ITAFANYIKA
KATIKA NYUMBA YA MAELZI YA UFUFUKO TUNGI BAADA YA USHEMASI

You might notice that the time is different in the English and Swahili versions of the invitation. I don't think I had mentioned this earlier, but Tanzanians tell time differently than we do. Since we are right on the equator, the sun rises and sets about 6:00 each day. So, in Tanzania, the day starts at 6:00 a.m., so 7:00 a.m. is 1:00 (one hour after sun rise), 8:00 a.m. is 2:00 (two hours after sun rise), etc. Every once in a while there is a mistake in time because I did not clarify what time we were using. Just today, for instance, someone was going to meet me and I asked him to come at 3:00 (in the afternoon). He came at 9:00 a.m. because he was using Tanzanian time, which would be 3:00! Very confusing, yes?!?

We celebrated Canada Day, July 1st, 🇨🇦 in style with a cake and ice cream. We celebrated Independence Day, July 4th, 🇺🇸 with the same cake (and with ice cream). We had eaten the "Canada" part so I thought it would be okay!



I had an interesting conversation with a civil engineer who is working on the construction of the high speed train that will run from Dar es Salaam to Morogoro. I was walking along the service road and a pick-up truck came to a stop beside me.

One man got out and introduced himself as Onur (Honor) Soyturk. He told me that he sees me walking all the time, and that he wondered if he might walk along with me and talk a bit. It was a bit funny, because as we walked and talked, the pick-up followed us slowly from behind! In any case, he was curious about why I was in



Service road that I walk along and meet people!

Tanzania and where I was from. He is from Turkey—most of the construction managers are from Turkey—and he specializes in tunnels. I did not get off to a great start because when he told me this, I pointed to a small “tunnel.” He looked rather disappointed and told me that this was not a tunnel, but a culvert. I told him that I knew that.... In any case, he told me that they are behind in construction, but are making progress. Eventually, the high speed rail will be extended from



Concrete slabs stockpiled to be used as foundations for the rails.

Morogoro to the capital city, Dodoma, and then to Mwanza in the north (close to where our parishes are located in Butiama and Buhemba). As I walk these days, I can see great progress, with the rails now being laid.



As I walk, I am able to see the many fields of corn that are ready for harvest. They wait until the corn is completely dry and then grind the kernels from the husks into a type of flour that is used to make the staple food of the Tanzanian diet: ugali.



The other “crop” that is grown in our area is a plant known as sisal. I see it everywhere when I walk. According to *Wikipedia*, Sisal production in Tanzania began in the late 19th century by the German East Africa Company. Sisal was continually produced during the German administration and, then, the British administration, and was the colony's largest export highly prized for use in cordage and carpets worldwide. At the time of independence in 1961, Tanzania was the largest exporter of Sisal in the world and the industry employed over 1 million farmers and factory workers. Sisal production began to decline after independence due to the drop in world prices as synthetic nylon substitutes became more popular (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sisal_production_in_Tanzania).



Other shrubs and plants grow around the sisal plant, which is harvested by cutting off the outside shoots, but leaving the inside ones.



Finally, here is a photo of my friend Sympho (as in symphony). She is always ready with a diet coke—here it is Coke Bila Sukari (without sugar).



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